

# United States Signs Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements

On 19th January, the outgoing State Department Legal Advisor, John Bellinger, signed the [Hague Convention \(of 30 June 2005\) on Choice of Court Agreements](#) on behalf of the United States of America. The USA is the first country to sign the Convention, with Mexico also a party to the Convention through accession. The status table of the Convention can be found on the [HCCH website](#), as well as the [preliminary documents](#), and the [explanatory report](#) prepared by Hartley and Dogauchi.

Is this the first of many? Will other countries follow the USA's lead, and sign up to the Convention? I very much doubt it, but you are welcome to disagree with me in the comments.