

At last – The “grave risk exception” guide under the HCCH Child Abduction Convention has been published

The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) has announced that the [Guide to Good Practice under the Child Abduction Convention: Part VI – Article 13\(1\)\(b\)](#) is now available in both English and French.

Article 13(1)(b) of the HCCH Child Abduction Convention sets out: “Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Article, the judicial or administrative authority of the requested State is not bound to *order the return of the child* if the person, institution or other body which opposes its return establishes that – b) there is a **grave risk** that his or her return would expose the child to **physical or psychological harm** or otherwise place the child in an **intolerable situation.**”

We expect to post a more detailed comment soon. In the meantime, see our previous post [here](#).

The HCCH news item is available [here](#).