

HCCH Monthly Update: February 2021

Conventions & Instruments

On 1 February 2021, the **HCCH 1965 Service Convention** entered into force for the **Marshall Islands**. It currently has 78 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

On 1 February 2021, the **HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention** entered into force for **Serbia**. At present, 41 States and the European Union are bound by the Convention. More information is available [here](#).

On 1 February 2021, the **HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention** entered into force for **Saint Kitts and Nevis**. It currently has 103 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

Meetings & Events

From 1 to 5 February 2021, the **Experts' Group on Jurisdiction** met for the fifth time, via videoconference. The discussion focused on questions of policy, including in relation to rules of direct jurisdiction, parallel proceedings, related claims, and mechanisms for judicial coordination and cooperation. More information is available [here](#).

From 8 to 11 February 2021, the **Experts' Group on International Transfer of Maintenance Funds** met via videoconference. The Group continued its work discussing good practices and identifying possible future improvements in relation to the cross-border transfer of child support payments, with a view to facilitating the most cost-effective, transparent, prompt, efficient and accessible cross-border transfer of funds. More information is available [here](#).

From 15 to 17 February 2021, the **Experts' Group on Parentage/Surrogacy** met for the eighth time, via videoconference. The Group discussed what the focus of its work should be at its next meeting(s) in order to prepare its final report on the feasibility of a possible future general private international law instrument on legal parentage and the feasibility of a separate possible future protocol with

private international law rules on legal parentage established as a result of an international surrogacy arrangement. More information is available [here](#).

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