HCCH Monthly Update: November 2021

Conventions & Instruments

On 17 November 2021, the Russian Federation signed the **HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention**. Although the 2019 Judgments Convention is not yet in force, the Russian Federation is its fifth signatory. The Russian Federation has been a Member of the HCCH since 2001 and is a Contracting Party to six HCCH Conventions. More information is available here.

Meetings & Events

On 5 November 2021, the HCCH hosted a **virtual seminar on the HCCH 1980 Child Abduction Convention and the HCCH 1996 Child Protection Convention** for the Supreme Court of Ukraine. This was the second of a series of seminars, organised with the generous support of the EU Project Pravo-Justice, aimed at facilitating the proper and effective implementation of the HCCH Conventions and instruments in Ukraine. More information is available here.

On 8 November 2021, the HCCH **Working Group on Preventing and Addressing Illicit Practices in Intercountry Adoption** met via videoconference. The Group continued to work on the development of a Toolkit aimed at preventing and addressing illicit practices in intercountry adoptions made under the **HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention**. More information is available here.

From 15 to 19 November 2021, the HCCH **Experts' Group on Parentage / Surrogacy** met via videoconference. The Group discussed the form, structure and focus of the final report that is to be presented to the Council on General Affairs and Policy of the HCCH at its 2023 meeting. More information is available here.

From 22 to 25 November 2021, the HCCH participated in the **24th International Congress of the International Union of Judicial Officers**. Secretary General Dr Christophe Bernasconi participated in the panel discussion "Cyber Justice: New Opportunities for the Judicial Officer" and in the roundtable discussion "Cyber Justice – The future of our profession – Evolution or Revolution?", while

Senior Legal Officer Dr Ning Zhao delivered a presentation on the **HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention**. Dr Zhao's accompanying article "The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention – adding essential components for an effective international legal framework on recognition and enforcement" will be published in the proceedings of the Congress. More information is available here.

Upcoming Events

HCCH a|Bridged Edition 2021 will be held online on Wednesday, 1 December 2021. This year's edition will discuss contemporary issues relating to the application of the **HCCH 2005 Choice of Court Convention**, including the establishment of international commercial courts around the globe and how it enables party autonomy. More information is available here.

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