

HCCH Monthly Update: September 2021

Membership

On 9 September 2021, **Honduras** deposited its instrument of acceptance of the Statute, becoming the **90th Member** of the HCCH. More information is available [here](#).

Conventions & Instruments

On 1 September 2021, the **HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention** entered into force for **Niger**. The Convention currently has 104 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

On 16 September 2021, **Costa Rica** signed the **HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention**. Although the 2019 Judgments Convention is not yet in force, Costa Rica is its fourth signatory. More information is available [here](#).

On 16 September 2021, the **HCCH 1961 Apostille Convention** entered into force for **Singapore**. The Convention currently has 120 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

Meetings & Events

On 14 and 15 September 2021, the **Experts' Group on Family Agreements** met for the fifth time, via videoconference. The Group discussed the most recent revision of the draft Practical Guide on cross-border recognition and enforcement of agreements reached in the course of family matters involving children. More information is available [here](#).

From 28 to 30 September 2021, the **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](#).

On 28 September 2021, the **HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific** hosted the webinar “HCCH|Approach: Twenty-Five Years of the **HCCH 1996 Child Protection Convention** in the Asia and Pacific Region: Present, Development and Future”. More information is available [here](#).

Publications & Documentation

On 23 September 2021, the Permanent Bureau announced the publication of 19 new translations of the ***Guide to Good Practice under the Child Abduction Convention: Part VI - Article 13(1)(b)***. With these new translations, the Guide to Good Practice is now available in 23 European Union (EU) languages. More information is available [here](#).

Other

On 22 September 2021, the Permanent Bureau announced the successful outcome of a new **EU Action Grant application for iSupport**. This new project will be called iSupport ITMF (International Transfer of Maintenance Funds), as it will aim at establishing a link between the iSupport software and bank accounts held by Central Authorities. More information is available [here](#).

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