

The Russian Federation signed the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention

Yesterday (17 November 2021) the Russian Federation signed the *HCCH Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters* (HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention). The HCCH news item is available [here](#).

No declarations were filed. [Click here](#) (Depositary's website).

It should be noted that in order to consent to be bound by the treaty, the Russian Federation would need to deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval (art. 24(2) of the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention). In the meantime, a signatory State has the obligation not to defeat the object and purpose of a treaty prior to its entry into force (art. 18 of the UN Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties).

The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention is not yet in force. In accordance with its article 28: "This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period during which a notification may be made in accordance with Article 29(2) with respect to the **second State that has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession** referred to in Article 24."

There are currently five signatory States: Costa Rica, Israel, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Uruguay. The act of signing a treaty does not count towards the timeline specified in article 28 of the HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention as it is not an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.