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Conventions & Instruments

On 1 October 2022, the **2007 Child Support Convention** entered into force for **the Philippines**. At present, 44 States and the European Union are bound by the Convention. More information is available here.

On 4 October 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instrument of accession to the **1980 Child Abduction Convention and 1996 Child Protection Convention**. With the accession of Cabo Verde, the Child Abduction Convention now has 102 Contracting Parties. It will enter into force for Cabo Verde on 1 January 2023. For the Child Protection Convention, with the accession of Cabo Verde it now has 54 Contracting Parties. The Convention will enter into force for Cabo Verde on 1 August 2023. More information is available here.

Meetings & Events

From 18 to 20 October 2022, **HCCH Asia Pacific Week** was held in Manila in hybrid format. The conference provided the opportunity for the exchange of ideas and viewpoints from across Asia and the Pacific on some of the most prominent HCCH Conventions and instruments, as well as on the HCCH's ongoing normative projects and possible future work, in the areas of transnational litigation and legal cooperation, international family and child protection law, and commercial, digital, and financial law. More information is available here.

From 17 to 21 October 2022, the **Experts' Group on Parentage / Surrogacy** met for the twelfth time. The Group discussed the content of the final report that is to be presented to the Council on General Affairs and Policy at its 2023 meeting, in which the Group will present its assessment of the feasibility of one or more private international law instruments on legal parentage. More information is available here.

Upcoming Events

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, a workshop on the HCCH Conventions in the area of transnational litigation in civil or commercial matters will be held on 8 November, as part of Hong Kong Legal Week 2022. Participation is free of charge, although advance registration is required. More information is available here.

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