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Conventions & Instruments

On 1 December 2022, the **2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol** entered into force for **Ukraine**. At present, 31 States and the European Union are bound by the Protocol. More information is available [here](#).

On 7 December 2022, the **1961 Apostille Convention** entered into force for **Saudi Arabia**. The Convention currently has 124 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

On 1 January 2023, the **1980 Child Abduction Convention** entered into force for **Cabo Verde**. The Convention currently has 103 Contracting Parties. More information is available [here](#).

On 19 January 2023, **El Salvador** deposited its instrument of accession to the **1970 Evidence Convention**. The Convention, which currently has 65 Contracting Parties, will enter into force for El Salvador on 20 March 2023. More information is available [here](#).

Publications & Documentation

On 20 December 2022, the Permanent Bureau published the ***Practitioners' Tool: Cross-Border Recognition and Enforcement of Agreements Reached in the Course of Family Matters Involving Children***. More information is available [here](#).

On 18 January 2023, the Permanent Bureau published the second edition of the ***Practical Handbook on the Operation of the Apostille Convention***. More information is available [here](#).

Other

On 13 December 2022, the Permanent Bureau celebrated the **10th anniversary** of the establishment of the **HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific**. More information is available [here](#).

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