

HCCH Monthly Update: May 2023

Conventions & Instruments

On 12 May 2023, **Canada** deposited its instrument of accession to the **1961 Apostille Convention**. This accession marked a historical milestone: the **1000th treaty action** relating to an HCCH Convention or Protocol. The 1961 Apostille Convention, which now has 125 Contracting Parties, will enter into force for Canada on 11 January 2024. More information is available [here](#).

On 16 May 2023, **North Macedonia** signed the **2019 Judgments Convention**. The Convention, which currently has 28 Contracting Parties, will enter into force in September 2023, and for North Macedonia only after the deposit of an instrument of ratification (pursuant to Art. 28(2) of the Convention). More information is available [here](#).

On 16 May 2023, **Singapore** deposited its instrument of accession to the **1965 Service Convention**. The Convention, which now has 81 Contracting Parties, will enter into force for Singapore on 1 December 2023 subject to the Article 28 procedure. More information is available [here](#).

On 25 May 2023, **Georgia** signed the **2007 Child Support Convention and the 2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol**. The Convention and the Protocol will enter into force for Georgia further to the deposit of instruments of ratification. More information is available [here](#).

Meetings & Events

On 15 and 16 May 2023, the seminar “**Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in the Western Balkan Region: HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention**”, co-organised by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) and the HCCH, was held in The Hague. More information is available [here](#).

On 31 May 2023, the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH organised an **online event** on the occasion of the **30th anniversary of the 1993 Adoption Convention**. More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Registrations are open for the conference “The HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention: Cornerstones – Prospects – Outlook”, organised by the HCCH and the University of Bonn. The conference will be held in person on 9 and 10 June 2023 in Bonn, Germany. More information is available [here](#).

Registrations are open for the webinar “Cross-border Commercial Dispute Resolution – HCCH 1965 Service Convention”, organised by the HCCH and the Asian Business Law Institute. The webinar will be held on 27 June 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:10 CEST. More information is available [here](#).

Other

On 11 May 2023, the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH announced the formal approval of the HCCH-UNIDROIT Joint Project on Law Applicable to Cross-Border Holdings and Transfers of Digital Assets and Tokens. More information is available [here](#).

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