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Conventions & Instruments

On 1 November 2024, the **2007 Child Support Convention** entered into force for **Kyrgyzstan**. At present, 52 States and the European Union are bound by the 2007 Child Support Convention. More information is available here.

On 21 November 2024, **North Macedonia** deposited its instrument of ratification of the **2005 Choice of Court Convention**. With the ratification of North Macedonia, 36 States and the European Union are bound by the 2005 Choice of Court Convention. It will enter into force for North Macedonia on 1 March 2025. More information is available here.

Meetings & Events

From 28 October to 1 November 2024, the **Working Group on Matters Related to Jurisdiction in Transnational Civil or Commercial Litigation** met for the seventh time. Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group made further progress on the development of draft provisions on parallel proceedings and related actions or claims. More information is available here.

From 4 to 8 November 2024, the **Working Group on Parentage / Surrogacy** met for the third time. Pursuant to its mandate, the Working Group continued its consideration of draft provisions for one new instrument on legal parentage generally, including legal parentage resulting from an international surrogacy agreement. More information is available here.

From 12 to 14 November 2024, the **Experts' Group on Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)** held its second working meeting. Pursuant to its mandate, the Experts' Group made further progress on the study of the applicable law and jurisdiction issues raised by the cross-border use and transfers of CBDCs. More information is available here.

On 13 November 2024, the Working Groups on the Practical Handbook and Country Profile for, respectively, the 1965 Service Convention and 1970 **Evidence Conventions** met online to discuss the draft Service and Evidence Country Profiles. The **Working Group on the 1970 Evidence Convention** met again on 26 November 2024 to review and refine updates to the Practical Handbook.

From 13 to 15 November 2024, the **Regional Workshop on Intercountry Adoption: Sharing Experiences on the Effective Implementation of the 1993 Adoption Convention in Africa** was held in Lomé (Togo). The workshop provided a forum for francophone and lusophone States in Africa to discuss good practices in the implementation and operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention and, more broadly, in the international protection of children. More information is available here.

On 13 and 27 November 2024, the **Administrative Cooperation Working Group** met to discuss and finalise updates to the Country Profile on the 2007 Child Support Convention in the light of comments received following its circulation among Members and Contracting Parties. More information is available here and here.

From 18 to 21 November 2024, an **informal brainstorming session on future meetings of the Special Commission on the 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions** was held online. More information is available here.

On 19 November 2024, the HCCH and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan cohosted the **2024 Webinar on the HCCH 1980 Child Abduction Convention in Asia and the Pacific**. More information is available here.

On 21 November 2024, the HCCH hosted a **workshop on** *Recognition of Non-EU Judgments in the EU Member States*, organised by the European Association of Private International Law's Young Research Network in cooperation with the Center for International Legal Cooperation's Balkan Enforcement Strengthening Project. More information is available here.

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