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Membership

On 4 December 2025, **Indonesia applied to become a Member of the HCCH**. On the same day, the Secretary General of the HCCH opened the six-month voting period during which all current Members of the HCCH may cast their vote on the proposal. Following this voting period, and provided a majority of votes are cast in favour, Indonesia will be invited to become a Member by depositing an instrument of acceptance of the Statute of the HCCH. More information is available [here](#).

Meetings & Events

On 1 December 2025, the third meeting of the **Working Group established to finalise the Good Practices document relevant to the 1965 Service, 1970 Evidence, and 1980 Access to Justice Conventions** was held online. More information is available [here](#).

From 2 to 4 December 2025, the **Experts' Group on Carbon Markets** met for the third time, continuing its study of the private international law issues arising from carbon markets. More information is available [here](#).

On 10 December 2025, the third **Post Adoption Services Workshop** was held online, hosted by the Central Authority of Canada under the 1993 Adoption Convention. The event had over 120 participants from over 35 Contracting Parties to the Convention. More information is available [here](#).

On 11 December 2025, the Permanent Bureau (PB) of the HCCH hosted a book launch for the publication of **The Hague Convention on Choice of Court Agreements: A Commentary**, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the

entry into force of the 2005 Choice of Court Convention. More information is available [here](#).

Other Developments

The PB of the HCCH has launched a **public consultation** on the **Draft Text of a possible new convention on parallel proceedings and related actions**, to be held from 18 November 2025 to 26 January 2026. Experts, practitioners and judges from diverse legal traditions with experience in cross-border litigation and private international law more broadly are encouraged to participate in the consultation. More information is available [here](#).

On 23 December, the PB of the HCCH announced the conclusion of the e-Country Profiles project, resulting in the **development and modernisation of online Country Profiles for a number of key HCCH Conventions**. Contracting Parties to these Conventions can now easily publish legal and practical information about their implementation of these instruments, making the e-Country Profiles a valuable tool for use by public authorities, legal practitioners and other interested parties. More information is available [here](#).

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