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## I. Introduction

- 1 As part of its role as Secretariat, the PB assists in the implementation and monitoring of the Apostille Convention and, by extension, the e-APP. A large part of this work is providing assistance to Contracting Parties and interested States.
- 2 A list of activities, included at Annex I, is an overview of work undertaken by the PB, including its Regional Offices, related to the Apostille Convention since the last meeting of the Special Commission in 2016.
- 3 This includes any direct assistance provided to Contracting Parties and interested States. For example, it covers formal post-Convention assistance under the *Strategic Framework for Post-Convention Assistance*, missions abroad (travel for official duties), conferences and webinars, and targeted bilateral meetings (in-person or online, at the PB or abroad). Unless otherwise specified, the assistance reported was provided to government officials.
- 4 It does *not* include general advice that is communicated via email or phone, nor does it include missions or meetings that were for general HCCH promotion. That is, it is focused only on engagement that was specific to the Apostille Convention.
- 5 This document has been prepared to inform the Special Commission of the ongoing efforts of the PB in ensuring the success of the Convention.

## II. Proposal for the Special Commission

- 6 The PB invites the Special Commission to note the report on PB Convention assistance.

## **ANNEXES**

## Annex I: List of Activities

<b>Contracting Party / Country / Organisation</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Assistance / Activity</b>
National Association of Secretaries of State (USA)	August 2021	Presentation on the implementation and operation of the e-APP.
Common Law Association of Notaries	May 2021	Webinar on the operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
El Salvador	May 2021	Post-Convention Assistance: Online workshop on the operation of the Convention and implementation of the e-APP.
Trinidad and Tobago	May 2021	Online meeting regarding the e-APP with consultant advising government authorities on modernising the legal framework for electronic transactions.
<i>HCCH</i>	<i>May 2021</i>	<i>Experts' Group on the e-APP and New Technologies</i>
Iran	April 2021	Meeting regarding benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
European Blockchain Partnership	March 2021	Presentation on the operation of the e-APP during webinar on potential blockchain use-cases.
El Salvador / Panama / Spain	February 2021	Joint online meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
Indonesia	January 2021	Meeting regarding operation of the Convention and possible accession.
United Kingdom	November 2020	Online meeting regarding implementation of the e-APP.
European Court of Auditors	November 2020	Meeting regarding the operation of the e-APP in the context of the European Blockchain Services Infrastructure.
Israel	June, September 2020	Online meeting regarding implementation of the e-APP.
Groningen Declaration Network	July 2020	Webinar on the HCCH, the Convention and the e-APP during annual conference.
National Association of Secretaries of State (USA)	July 2020	Webinar on the operation Convention and implementation of the e-APP.
Netherlands	June 2020	Online meeting regarding the operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
European Blockchain Partnership	June 2020	Presentation on the e-APP during online panel.
Namibia	March 2020	Post-Convention Assistance: Presentation on the operation of the Convention and implementation of the e-APP.
Azerbaijan	January 2020	Meeting regarding the operation of the Convention.

Saudi Arabia	January 2020	Presentation on the Convention and the e-APP, and meeting regarding possible accession.
Mozambique	November 2019	Presentation on the Convention and the e-APP, and meeting regarding possible accession.
Thailand	November 2019	Meeting regarding possible accession to the Convention.
Luxembourg	October 2019	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
China (People's Republic of)	October 2019	Meeting regarding the operation of the Convention and possible accession.
Indonesia	October 2019	Meeting regarding the operation of the Convention and possible accession.
Venezuela	October 2019	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
HCCH	October 2019	<i>11<sup>th</sup> International Forum on the e-APP.</i>
Brazil	October 2019	Presentation on the operation of the e-APP and meetings regarding implementation.
Paraguay	October 2019	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
European Judicial Training Network	September 2019	Presentation on the operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
Bolivia	August 2019	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
Ecuador	July 2019	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
European Law Institute / Université of Lille	May 2019	Presentation on the e-APP during Conference on Blockchain, Open Education & Digital Citizenship.
Tunisia	March 2019	Post-Convention Assistance: Training workshop on the operation of the Convention for Competent Authorities.
Thailand	December 2018	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Venezuela	December 2018	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
India	November 2018	Presentation on the e-APP and meeting to discuss implementation.
Singapore	October 2018	Meetings regarding possible accession to the Convention and implementation of the e-APP.
Australian and New Zealand College of Notaries	October 2018	Presentation on the Convention in the Asia Pacific Region during Biennial Conference.

Tunisia	August 2018	Post-Convention Assistance: Training workshop on the implementation of the Convention for Competent Authorities.
Ecuador	July 2018	Meeting regarding implementation of the e-APP.
European Judicial Training Network	June 2018	Presentation on the operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
Venezuela	June 2018	Meeting regarding operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
Tunisia	May 2018	Presentation on the implementation of the Convention during German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) Conference.
Groningen Declaration Network	April 2018	Presentation on the operation of the e-APP during annual conference.
APEC	March 2018	Presentation on the operation of the e-APP during Workshop on Use of Modern Technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management.
France	February 2018	Post-Convention Assistance: Workshop and meetings regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
<i>HCCH</i>	<i>December 2017</i>	<i>Working Group on the authentication of documents executed by intergovernmental or supranational organisations.</i>
Mexico	November 2017	Meeting regarding the operation of the Convention and the e-APP.
Singapore	October 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Albania	September 2017	Meeting regarding the implementation of the e-APP.
Notaries Society of England and Wales (United Kingdom)	September 2017	Presentation on the Convention and the e-APP during annual conference.
Jamaica	July 2017	Meetings regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Iran	July 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
<i>HCCH</i>	<i>July 2017</i>	<i>Presentation of the Convention and the e-APP and panel participation during HCCH Asia Pacific Week.</i>
Turkmenistan	May 2017	Workshop on the operation of the Convention and meetings regarding possible accession.
China (People's Republic of)	April 2017	Presentation on the operation of the Convention and e-APP during National Forum on the Apostille Convention.

Cameroon	March 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Malaysia	March 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Saudi Arabia	January 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention and possible accession.
Gulf Cooperation Council	January 2017	Meeting regarding the benefits of the Convention.
Tunisia	December 2016	Presentation on the benefits of the Convention during German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) Conference.
Chilean Private International Law Association	November 2016	Presentation on the operation of the Convention during annual meeting.
<i>HCCH</i>	<i>November 2016</i>	<i>Special Commission and 10<sup>th</sup> International Forum on the e-APP.</i>