

# Questionnaire in preparation of the Experts' Group meeting of 7 to 10 February 2022 on international transfers of maintenance funds

## Survey response 1

### Identification

For follow-up purposes. This information will not be published as part of the questionnaire response. The term "State" in this Questionnaire includes a territorial unit, where relevant. [Name of State or territorial unit:]

Finland

### Questionnaire

a. Developments in general regarding the international transfer of maintenance funds

N/A

b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see C&R 2019 No 1; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 11-14)

Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see C&R 2019 Nos 2 and 10; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 24-25)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 2; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 26-29)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 32)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

f. Requesting Central Authority providing confirmation to the requested Central Authority that the amounts received are the same as the amounts sent and, where applicable, information on the reasons for any difference (see C&R 2019 No 3; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 15-17)

Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

g. Establishment of a centralised point (e.g., bank account, central bank) for international transfers dedicated to both incoming and outgoing transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 Nos 4 and 5; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 33-35)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The maintenance cases are handled by the Central Authority (Ministry of Justice) and the Public Body. As the number of maintenance cases is quite low in Finland, it has not been considered to centralize the transfers. Debtors residing in Finland pays the creditor abroad either through the National Enforcement Authority or directly. Payments from debtor abroad goes directly to the Public Body.

h. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see C&R 2019 No 5; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 18)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

i. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see C&R 2019 No 6; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 36-37)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

The Public Body monitors incoming payments. The Central Authority does not monitor payments as it does not handle them.

j. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested State, attached to each transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 7; aide-mémoire 2021, para. 20)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

k. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see C&R 2019 No 8; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 21-23)

Has already been implemented.

Please explain:

The National Enforcement Authority handles this when transferring payments to the creditors.

l. Implementation of bundled payments to reduce costs of transfers (see C&R 2019 No 11; aide-mémoire 2021, paras 38-40)

Not being considered.

Please explain:

m. Any other developments including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States: