

Questionnaire on the impact of COVID-19 on intercountry adoptions under the 1993 Adoption Convention

<i>Identification for follow-up purposes:</i>	
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I. OVERARCHING QUESTIONS	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
1.	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has your State modified intercountry adoption procedures under the 1993 Adoption Convention? If so, what has your State done to ensure that the safeguards and procedures of the Convention have been, and continue to be, respected?</p> <p>No modified intercountry adoption procedures.</p>
II. OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 (cases in transition only)	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
2.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the child had already been matched with prospective adoptive parents, but no adoption decision had been issued at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>Everything was postponed prospective adoptive parents and child had to wait for the court hearing. Only 2 children were in that situation.</p>
3.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the adoption decision had already been issued, but the child was still in the State of origin at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>N/A</p>
III. DURING COVID-19 (cases in transition and new cases)	
	<u>States of origin only</u>
4.	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) Declaration of adoptability of the child:</p>

	<p>N/A</p> <p>b) Matching:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>c) Socialisation period:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>d) Support and counselling to adoptable children:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>e) Adoption decision:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>f) Other stages:</p> <p>No changes due to Covid 19 in adoption procedure.</p>
	Receiving States only
5.	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) Eligibility and suitability of prospective adoptive parents:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>b) Support and counselling to prospective adoptive parents:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>c) Other stages:</p> <p>N/A</p>
IV. USE OF TECHNOLOGY	
	Both States of origin and receiving States
6.	<p>Has the use of technologies (e.g, videoconferencing) evolved in the adoption procedures in place in your State since the outbreak of COVID-19 in your State? Please specify:</p> <p>a) any benefits and challenges:</p> <p>Videoconferencing was used i one case of court hearing. The benefit was that adoptive parents and the child could be present remotely.</p> <p>b) if your response to question 72 (“Use of new technologies”) of the 2020 Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (Prel. Doc. No 3) has changed:</p> <p>N/A</p>

V. POST COVID-19: LOOKING AHEAD	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
7.	<p>Has your State developed any practices during this pandemic period that would be useful to mainstream into regular work practices? If so, please elaborate on what those practices are and how you plan to go about mainstreaming them into regular work practices:</p> <p>N/A</p>
8.	<p>Please share any good practices and lessons learned by your State which may be applied in the event of another pandemic or similar state of emergency:</p> <p>N/A</p>
VI. ANY OTHER COMMENTS	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
9.	Please insert here any other comments you may have: