

The Hague Children's Conventions Status

The status of all the Hague Conventions is available on the website of the Hague Conference < www.hcch.net >, under "Conventions", then under the Convention in question, click "Status".

1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention

The Hague Conference is delighted to report the accession of the **Russian Federation** and of **Guinea** to the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention. The Convention entered into force in the Russian Federation on 1 October 2011 and in Guinea on 1 February 2012. The 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention also recently entered into force in **Andorra** on 1 July 2011. The Standard Questionnaire of Newly Acceding States has been completed by Andorra and their response can be found on the Hague Conference website (see: Child Abduction Section / Questionnaires and responses / Standard Questionnaire for newly acceding States – responses).

In addition, the Hague Conference is very pleased to report that both **Japan** and **Korea** have indicated significant progress made in their respective States towards becoming Contracting States to the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention

The Convention has today 87 Contracting States. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the "Child Abduction Section", then "Contracting States" on the website of the Hague Conference < www.hcch.net >.

1996 Hague Child Protection Convention

The number of Contracting States to the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention continues to grow rapidly. The Hague Conference welcomes the recent entry into force of the Convention in the following countries: the **Netherlands** (1 May 2011), **Portugal** (1 August 2011) **Denmark** (10 October 2011) and **Malta** (1 January 2012). The Convention will also soon enter into force in **Greece** (1 June 2012). The Hague Conference is also delighted to report the accession of **Montenegro** on 14 February 2012. The Convention will enter into force for Montenegro on 1 January 2013.

The Convention has today 35 Contracting States. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the website of the Hague Conference < www.hcch.net >.

1993 Hague Inter-country Adoption Convention

The Hague Conference is very pleased to announce that **Haïti** signed the *Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption* on 2 March 2011. This is the first Hague Convention which Haïti has signed, making it the 138th State to be "connected" to the Hague Conference. By signing the Convention, the Republic of Haïti signals its wish and intention to reform its child protection system, as well as its inter-country adoption system, which is an essential starting point for the ratification of the Convention. The Hague Conference is also delighted to report the accession of **Senegal** on 24 August 2011 and the ratification of **Viet Nam** on 1 November 2011, as well as the accessions of **Montenegro** on 9 March 2012 and of **Rwanda** on 28 March 2012. The Convention entered into force for Senegal on 1 December 2011 and for Vietnam on 1 February 2012 and will enter into force for Montenegro and Rwanda on 1 July 2012.

87 States are today Parties to the Convention. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the "Inter-country Adoption Section", then "Contracting States" on the website of the Hague Conference < www.hcch.net >.

2007 Child Support Convention

The Hague Conference is very pleased to announce that on 6 April 2011, the **European Union** signed the *Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance*. On 9 June 2011, the Council of the European Union approved the Convention on behalf of the European Union and thereby authorised the President of the Council to designate the person(s) to deposit, on behalf of the Union, the instrument of approval according to the Convention. The Convention was also signed on 5 July 2011 by **Bosnia and Herzegovina** and on 21 October 2011 by **Albania**.