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## **TABLEAUX SUR LES COÛTS ASSOCIÉS À L'ADOPTION INTERNATIONALE**

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## **TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION**

The *Tables on costs*<sup>1</sup> are designed to increase transparency by compiling the available information on the costs of intercountry adoption in States of origin and receiving States.

The Tables do not aim to provide prospective adoptive parents (“PAPs”) or other actors with a definitive, “total cost” for an intercountry adoption. Rather, they aim to be a reference point for PAPs and other actors to identify if the costs which they encounter in the State of origin (Table I) and the receiving State (Table II) are of the nature and within the range provided in the Tables. The Experts’ Group will continue its discussions regarding the best method of collecting the data as well as the timeline for providing the data. It will also decide on where and how the tables should be published.

The Tables also include information about the “contributions”<sup>2</sup> which may be demanded from PAPs by certain States of origin or adoption accredited bodies in the context of an intercountry adoption. Such contributions should not be considered as “costs” of an intercountry adoption since they are distinct from the real or actual costs of the adoption procedure (*i.e.*, they are distinct from the cost of providing all the services necessary in the receiving State and the State of origin to complete each particular adoption). Nevertheless, in order to reflect the current practice of some States,<sup>3</sup> they have been included in the tables.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TABLES**

Tables I and II may be completed by States to provide information concerning the estimated costs and contributions associated with an intercountry adoption in the particular State of origin or receiving State.

States of origin may complete Table I. Receiving States may complete Table II. States that are both States of origin *and* receiving States may complete both Tables.

#### Column “Purpose”

The “other” category should be used to add any category of costs not previously listed in the column. Please be as specific as possible.

#### Column “Charged by”

For each category of costs, please select the type of authority, body or person that best corresponds.

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<sup>1</sup> For a definition of the term “costs” in the context of intercountry adoption, see the Terminology section of the *Note on the Financial Aspects of Intercountry Adoption*, available on the Hague Conference website at < [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Note”).

<sup>2</sup> For a definition of the term “contribution” in the context of intercountry adoption, see Note, *supra* note 1. See also Chapter 6 of the Note regarding the problems and recommendations associated with “contributions” and Hague Conference on Private International Law’s, *Accreditation and Adoption Accredited Bodies: General Principles and Guide to Good Practice*, Guide No 2, Family Law (Jordan Publishing Ltd), 2012, Chapter 9, available on the Hague Conference website at < [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) > under “Intercountry Adoption Section” (hereinafter, “Guide to Good Practice No 2”).

<sup>3</sup> See Guide to Good Practice No 2, *supra* note 2, para. 432.

### **Abbreviations used**

(CAN)	Central Authority National
(CAR)	Central Authority Regional
(PA)	Public Authority
(CT)	Court or Tribunal
(AB)	Adoption Accredited Body
(AB SO)	Adoption Accredited Body of the State of origin
(AB RS)	Adoption Accredited Body of the receiving State
(AP SO)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the State of origin
(AP RS)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the receiving State
(OP)	Other professionals ( <i>e.g.</i> , lawyer, doctor, translator, interpreter)
(N/A)	Not applicable – if service is not performed

### Column "Name of the authority, body or person"

Please use the space in this column to specify the name of the authority, body, person or the type of professional whenever possible.

### Column "Amount"

For each category of costs, please indicate the fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged. You may use "free" when the service is provided free of charge, "not applicable" when the service is not provided, or "unknown" when the information is not yet available.

You may find that some categories of costs are incurred in exceptional cases only (*e.g.*, *translation and/or interpretation costs*). In such a case, please indicate "0 to [estimate price when the prospective adoptive parent(s) select this service]". You may also use the space in each category or use a footnote to specify the conditions under which an amount may be requested.

**TABLE II - RECEIVING STATE****COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
TO BE PAID IN [GREECE]  
[2016]****Date completed:**

This table is designed to provide prospective adoptive parents ("PAPs") and other adoption actors with an overview of the costs and contributions (see p. 2 on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables) which may need to be paid in the above-mentioned receiving State when undertaking an intercountry adoption to that State. Unless indicated otherwise, the costs listed are for the adoption of ONE child.

Please note: In order to obtain a comprehensive overview of the costs and contributions which may need to be paid by the PAPs, one will need also to refer to Table I (costs and contributions to be paid in the State of origin) as completed by the State of origin in which the child habitually resides.

Additional amounts, such as **travel costs** (which may include airfares and accommodation) may apply but are not included in this table.

**SECTION I: GENERAL FIXED COSTS**  
**TO BE PAID IN THE RECEIVING STATE**  
**(regardless of the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes)**

COSTS				
Purpose of the service covered by the cost		Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount <sup>13</sup> [euros]
Charged by an authority				
Administrative application fee <sup>14</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	N/A	N/A
Administrative processing fee <sup>15</sup>		<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	N/A	N/A
Court fees		x CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Court of First Instance	500-3000 (the fees are calculated based on the overall Court's proceedings)
Documentation	Certificates issued in the receiving State (e.g., birth, marriage, criminal records)	X PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	FREE	FREE
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	X PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Hellenic Police	74-94 (child) 84 -104 (adult)

<sup>13</sup> For each category of costs, please indicate the currency, fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged for each category. See also p. 2 of this document for more details on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables.

<sup>14</sup> States should use this category to indicate whether they charge a standard fee when PAPs submit an application to adopt.

<sup>15</sup> States should use this category to indicate whether they charge subsequent fees at different stages of the adoption procedure (e.g., when the matching is done).

Documentation	Immigration procedures for the child in the receiving State (e.g., visa or other entry requirement)	X PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS	180
	Other: [please specify]			
Charged by an AB in the RS <sup>16</sup>				
Purpose of the service covered by the cost		Charged by	Name of AB	Amount [euros]
Opening of the adoption case file		x AB RS x N/A	ISS Greece	1000
			All the other ABs do not charge any money	Free
Administration and file processing costs		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS x N/A	N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
Membership of the AB		<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS x N/A	N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
			N/A	N/A
Other administrative costs / fee for overhead [post-adoption monitoring fee/per year]		x AB RS x N/A	ISS Greece	500/year or 300/year (single-parent)
			All the other ABs do not charge any money	Free

Please note: add as many rows to the table as required, according to the number of ABs present in your State.

Charged by an authority, an AB or other person			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [euros]
Home study (preparation of the psychosocial evaluation on suitability to adopt of PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	ABs	Free
General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs <sup>17</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	ABs	Free
Medical services and related certificates (e.g., health examination)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS X PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP	State Hospitals	Free

<sup>16</sup> See Section II for specific costs according to each State of origin.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

for PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Legal advice and representation	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS X OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Certified Lawyers	unknown
Additional psychological services (e.g., for special needs children and other services provided to the child)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS X PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Regional Social Welfare Services	Free
Post-adoption counselling	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR X AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS X PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Regional Social Welfare Services	Free

Others costs			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
[please specify]			

## **SECTION II: OTHER POSSIBLE COSTS**

(Which may or may not be incurred by PAPs, depending upon the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes. Please ensure that the same costs are reported either in Table I (State of origin) or Table II (receiving State) but not in both)

Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	State of origin <sup>18</sup>	Amount [euros]
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State	X PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	STATES NOT BOUND: BY THE 1961 HAGUE CONVENTION (OR NOT RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC), OR BY THE 1977 ATHENS CONVENTION OR BY A BILATERAL TREATY.	Unknown (charges will be made by the respective foreign accredited diplomatic mission)
Translation of documents in the receiving State	x OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	ANY STATE OF ORIGIN APART FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS	0-2000 (it depends on the language and the number of pages of the documents)
Other (e.g., in the case of adoptions not mediated in the SO by an AB <sup>19</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP X N/A	N/A	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP X N/A	N/A	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP	N/A	N/A

<sup>18</sup> Please note that the number of documents to be translated will depend on each State of origin. However, the price of the translation will be according to professionals' fees in the receiving State.

<sup>19</sup> These adoptions are not considered a good practice although they are permitted under the 1993 Hague Convention.

	X N/A		
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<b>[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 1]</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A

<b>[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 2]</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

**SECTION III: CONTRIBUTIONS DEMANDED BY AN AB  
FOR A SPECIFIC STATE**

<b>[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 1]</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A

<b>[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 2]</b>	<b>Charged by AB</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A
	N/A	N/A

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

**SECTION IV: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PAPs (e.g., tax benefits or other allowances)</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Applicable to all PAPs?</b>	<b>Name of authority, body or person providing assistance</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>

<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ABs (e.g., subsidies, tax benefits or other assistance)</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Applicable to all ABs?</b>	<b>Name of authority, body or person providing assistance</b>	<b>Amount [currency]</b>