

Questionnaire

Name of State or territorial unit: ^[1]	Brazil
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For the purpose of the 13 to 15 February 2023 meeting of the EG, Members are invited to report on consideration given to and / or implementation of the following arrangements in their jurisdiction:

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

There are no developments to report. A new Government just took office, so there may be room for new solutions to be explored over the next years.

- b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see Report and C&R 2022 No 1)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

The use of cheques is not common at all in incoming requests, as payments originated from Brazil are usually made by electronic transfers. Although a few cheques have been received at our central authority in response to outgoing cases, they had to be sent back, as the central authority cannot intermediate payments. In some cases, the only solution was to have the cheques sent directly from the requested central authority to the applicant in Brazil. Overall, in Brazil, cheques are not used for transactions and it is highly uncommon to receive them by post, which would most certainly indicate that they came from abroad. Most of the local financial transactions are also electronic.

- c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 10)

Not being considered. Please explain:

^[1] In this questionnaire, references to the term "State", where relevant, are to be considered as also applicable to a territorial unit.

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d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 Nos 2 and 11)

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e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

Not being considered. Please explain:

The Central Authority is not directly involved in payments, and, thus, does not have a contract with a bank. Initial contacts were made with the major State owned bank in Brazil, Banco do Brasil S.A., also one of the largest local commercial banks and with several branches abroad. These contacts did not go very far. Recent changes in the management of the Central Authority indicate the need to bring the subject to the attention of the new Director for her appreciation. The fact that the Central Authority is not directly involved in payments makes it difficult to find a starting point for these measures.

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- 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 Report and C&R 2022 No 3)

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- 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 Report and C&R 2022 Nos 4 and 5)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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- h. Use of the possibilities afforded by the *Universal Postal Union Postal Payment Services Agreement* of 6 October 2016 (see Report and C&R 2022 No 4)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Over the last years, the Postal Bank in Brazil was due to be virtually shut down. Recent political changes in Brazil may bring the subject back to the table. The Central Authority is monitoring this situation.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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i. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see Report and C&R 2022 No 5)

Not being considered. Please explain:

The Central Authority is not directly involved in payments, and, thus, does not provide these services, either for creditors or for debtors. All services available at the Central Authority are provided to creditors and debtors, indistinctly. Initial contacts were made with the major State owned bank in Brazil, Banco do Brasil S.A., also one of the largest local commercial banks and with several branches abroad. These contacts did not go very far. Recent changes in the management of the Central Authority indicate the need to bring the subject to the attention of the new Director for her appreciation. The fact that the Central Authority is not directly involved in payments makes it difficult to find a starting point for these measures.

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j. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see Report and C&R 2022 No 6)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Although presently the Brazilian Central Authority is not directly involved in payments, as this is handled privately between creditors and debtors, we expect that current developments in iSupport will help obtaining and sharing this kind of information in the future.

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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k. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested States, attached to each transfer of funds (see Report and C&R 2022 No 7)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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l. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see Report and C&R 2022 No 8)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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m. Provision of information about international banking to creditors and debtors (see Report and C&R 2022 No 12)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

Has already been implemented. Please explain:

The Central Authority provides assistance via e-mail to creditors and debtors that send queries about this matter. Further measures in this regard, as information on the website and social media are currently on hold due to the lack of human resources.

- n. Implementation of a legal framework enabling the Central Authority, acting both as requesting and requested Central Authority, to handle the transfer of funds – or at least major parts of the process – in as automated a manner as possible (see Report and C&R 2022 No 13)

Not being considered. Please explain:

In Brazil, the role of Central Authority role is to enable mutual legal assistance on a fast and effective manner. There is no involvement in payments. Current civil service resources indicate that there would be no room for such a policy change. Before this could be further considered, it is necessary to guarantee that there is sufficient personell for the adequate execution of the basic role of the Central Authority. At this time, all resources are allocated with a focus on the mandatory functions of the Central Authority required by the Convention.

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- o. Implementation of an arrangement with banks that are transparent in relation to their fees and / or are part of the SWIFT Global Payment Initiative (GPI) (see Report and C&R 2022 No 14)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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- p. Would your State consider contributing to iSupport ITMF in terms of expertise and experience?

Yes

Brazil has been a supporter of iSupport and of the EGITF from the very beginning.

No

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- q. Any other developments in your State including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States:

Not applicable, as the Brazilian Central Authority is not involved in payments.

Thank you!