

## 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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<b>I. OVERARCHING QUESTIONS</b>	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
1.	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has your State <b>modified</b> intercountry adoption procedures under the 1993 Adoption Convention? If so, what has your State done to ensure that the <b>safeguards and procedures</b> of the Convention have been, and continue to be, respected?</p> <p>There has been no modification</p>
<b>II. OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 (cases in transition only)</b>	
	<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 <b>child</b> had <b>already</b> been <b>matched</b> 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>Currently there is only one case pending regarding an Intrafamily International Adoption: The receiving country complied with the follow-ups established in the Hague Convention. Once this phase is completed, the file will go to the stage of setting the Trial Hearing, in which the hearing would be requested through electronic means (video call)</p>
3.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the <b>adoption decision</b> had already been <b>issued</b>, but the <b>child</b> was <b>still in the State of origin</b> at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>There are no cases in this situation</p>
<b>III. DURING COVID-19 (cases in transition and new cases)</b>	
	<u>States of origin only</u>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) Declaration of <b>adoptability</b> of the child:                  N/A</p> <p>b) <b>Matching</b>:                  N/A</p> <p>c) <b>Socialisation</b> period:                  N/A</p> <p>d) <b>Support</b> and counselling to adoptable children:                  N/A</p> <p>e) Adoption <b>decision</b>:                  N/A</p> <p>f) Other stages:                  N/A</p>
	<p><u>Receiving States only</u></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) <b>Eligibility</b> and <b>suitability</b> of prospective adoptive parents:                  N/A</p> <p>b) <b>Support</b> and counselling to prospective adoptive parents:                  N/A</p> <p>c) Other stages:                  N/A</p>
<p><b>IV. USE OF TECHNOLOGY</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Has the use of technologies (e.g, videoconferencing) <b>evolved</b> in the adoption procedures in place in your State since the outbreak of COVID-19 in your State? Please specify:</p> <p>a) any <b>benefits</b> and <b>challenges</b>:</p> <p>Yes, in national adoptions, videoconferencing have been used to hold hearings, as well as to listen to boys, girls and adolescents. However, to date we have not yet had the opportunity to hold an Intercountry Adoption Hearing, since we only have one International Intrafamily Adoption, which has not yet reached the trial phase. This is beneficial, since the risk of transmission of covid 19 is avoided and allows the continuity of procedures, thereby guaranteeing the right of children and adolescents to be integrated into a permanent family through the figure of adoption.</p>

	<p>b) if your response to <b>question 72</b> (“Use of new technologies”) of the <a href="#">2020 Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (Prel. Doc. No 3)</a> has changed:</p> <p><b>NO</b></p>
<p><b>V. POST COVID-19: LOOKING AHEAD</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Has your State developed any practices during this pandemic period that would be <b>useful to mainstream into regular work</b> 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><b>N/A</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Please share any good practices and lessons learned by your State which may be applied in the event of <b>another pandemic or similar state of emergency</b>:</p> <p>The practices were carried out for national adoptions, which consisted in the generation of forms for social evaluations, which are sent through the applicants' emails. In the same way, videoconferencing are used to establish a more direct conversation, as well as inspect the home, living conditions, among other aspects.</p>
<p><b>VI. ANY OTHER COMMENTS</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Please insert here any other comments you may have:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p>