Questionnaire concerning the Practical Operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention

Wherever your replies to this Questionnaire make reference to domestic legislation, rules, guidance or case law relating to the practical operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention, please provide a copy of the referenced documentation in (a) the original language and, (b) wherever possible, accompanied by a translation into English and / or French.

Name of State or territorial unit:2	Honduras
For follow-up purposes	
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PART I - FOR CONTRACTING PARTIES

1. Recent developments in your State

1.	Have there been any significant developments in your State regarding the legislation or procedural rules applicable in cases of international child
	protection? Where possible, please state the reason for the development and the
	results achieved in practice.
	No No
	Yes
	Please specify:
	Please insert text here

2. Please provide the three most **significant decisions concerning the interpretation and application of the 1996 Convention** recently rendered by the relevant authorities³ in your State.

Case Name	Court Name	Court Level	Brief summary of the ruling
Amaya- Amador	N/A	N/A	Administrative measures of Protection applied to the maternal grandmother as Honduras Central Authority requested by Spain Central Authority (Only Administrative Authorities)
Funez- Manzanares	N/A	N/A	Administrative measures of Protection requested by the Spain Central

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³ The term "relevant authorities" is used in this Questionnaire to refer to the judicial or administrative authorities with decision-making responsibility under the 1996 Convention. Whilst in the majority of Contracting Parties such "authorities" will be courts (i.e., judicial), in some Contracting Parties administrative authorities remain responsible for decision-making in Convention cases.

			Authority, currently analyzing a possible protection mean to the maternal sister (Only Administrative Authorities)
Avelar- Cartagena	N/A	N/A	Administrative carried out diligence in the given location by the Swiss Central Authority, finding out that the girl had been left the country to Swiss. Therefore, we made the administrative case closure.

3. Please provide a brief summary of **any other significant developments** in your State relating to international child protection, including any regional instruments or bilateral agreements that have been negotiated or which your State has signed and ratified or acceded to (*e.g.*, Memorandum of Understanding on the placement of children abroad):

N/A

2. Scope of application (Arts 2, 3 and 4, and C&R No 29 of 2017 SC)

4.	Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have
	questions arisen, in determining the scope of the 1996 Convention (e.g., which measures of
	protection fall within the scope of the 1996 Convention)?
	No.

Yes
Please specify:

3. Jurisdiction to take measures of protection

Habitual residence (Art. 5 and C&R No 31 of 2017 SC)

5. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges when determining the habitual residence of the child in cases falling within the scope of the 1996 Convention?

No
Yes
Please specify:

International child abduction (Arts 7 and 50)

6. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in **making a determination whether to exercise jurisdiction** in cases of wrongful removal or retention of the child?

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Yes Please specify:
Pending divorce or legal separation of the child's parents (Art. 10)
7. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in making a determination whether to exercise jurisdiction in cases where there is a pending divorce or legal separation of the child's parents (Art. 10)?
NoYesPlease specify:
Transfer of jurisdiction (Arts 8 and 9)
8. How often have competent authorities in your State experienced cases of transfer of jurisdiction under Articles 8 and / or 9 of the 1996 Convention?
 □ Do not know ○ Never □ Rarely □ Sometimes □ Very often □ Always
If possible, please provide supplementary information:
9. Has your State developed any good practices, procedures, guidelines or protocols to facilitate the transfer of jurisdiction?
 Yes Please specify and provide the links to relevant documents whenever possible: Please insert text here No Please specify any reasons: The requests that are directed to the state of Honduras are low. Thus, the Honduras Central Authorities has not seen the need of creating guideline, protocols or special laws to process the 1996 Hague Convention

4. Special types of measures of protection

Urgent measures of protection (Art. 11)

10. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, with respect to the application of **Article 11** (e.g., the definition of "urgency"; scope, nature and duration of measures)?

 No Yes, in cases of international child abduction. If possible, please provide more details about the experience of your State using Article 11 in cases of international child abduction: Currently, the state of Honduras does not have any special law or protocol that could be applicable at the judicial level. Therefore, the processing of cases takes more time than the Hague Convention establishes. Yes, in other situations. Please describe in which other situations a competent authority in your jurisdiction
has applied Article 11:
Provisional measures (Art. 12)
11. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in applying Article 12 (e.g., definition as to what macconstitute a "provisional character"; scope, nature and duration of measures)?
No Yes Please describe:
5. Applicable law (Chap. III)
12. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in relation to the applicable law rules provided by Articles 15 16 and 17 of the 1996 Convention?
No Yes Please describe:
6. Recognition and enforcement
13. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in relation to the recognition of measures of protection from the perspective of the requested State?
No Yes Please describe:
Advance recognition (Art. 24)
14. How often have competent authorities in your State experienced cases of requests for advance recognition?
☐ Do not know

NeverRarelySometimesVery oftenAlways
If possible, please provide supplementary information:
15. Have judicial or administrative procedures, guidelines, or protocols been adopted in your State to facilitate the application of Article 24?
Yes, but there have been no changes since the last SC meeting Yes, with changes since the last SC meeting. Please specify:
No
Declaration of enforceability or registration for the purpose of enforcement (Arts 26, 27 and 28)
16.In relation to the simple and rapid procedure for declaring enforceable or registering for the purpose of enforcement of measures of protection taken in another Contracting Party (Art. 26), what is the practice in your State?
 a) Which authority declares enforceable or registers a measure of protection taken in another Contracting Party? Please specify:
The Central Authority
b) What time frames are applied to ensure that the procedure is rapid? Please explain:
The state of Honduras is currently working in the process of development in a more efficient manner in order to apply the 1996 Hague Convention.
c) Is legal representation required? Please explain:
No, regarding the application of the measures of protection, the Central Authority attending to a concrete case, employs such measures and temporally takes the legal representation of children under protection measures.
17.Are you aware of any challenges, or have questions arisen, in applying Articles 26, 27 and / or 28 in your State?
No Yes Please describe:

7. Cooperation (Chap. V)

Central Authority practice

18.Are you aware of any challenges, or have questions arisen, in applying Article 30 in your State (e.g., in relation to the timeliness of responses to requests)?		
No Yes Please describe: The State of Honduras has recently created through Direccion de Niñez, Adolescencia y Familia (DINAF), la Unidad Tecnica Ejecutora de los Convenios de la Haya (UTECH), which is in charge of the Hague Convention process. Thus, the timeframe of responses of the requests are being measured from this year on.		
Services available		
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1996 Convention individuals had	estanding that services provided by Central Authorities under the con may vary, does your Central Authority provide assistance to abitually resident in your State who request it in connection ring matters? If so, please specify the nature of the assistance	
Matter	Service(s) provided	
a) A request to organise or secure effective exercise of rights of access in another Contracting Party (requested State) ⁴	 1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a view to making arrangements for organising or securing the effective exercise of rights of access 7. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and advice 8. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel or mediation services, where needed in the requested State 9. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental organisations 	

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See in this context, e.g., the <u>Practical Handbook</u> on the Operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention, sections 11(E)(d) and 13(B) (2014).

		for assistance
		10. Provision of regular updates on the progress of the application
		11. Other, please specify:
		Please insert text here
b)	A request to secure	1. None
	the return to your State of a child	2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996
	subject to	Convention
	international	3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and
	abduction where the	procedures in the requested State
	1980 Convention is	4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance
	<u>not</u> applicable	such authorities could provide
		5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent
		authorities in the requested State
		6. Assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a child who has been
		wrongfully removed or retained
		7. Assistance in taking provisional / urgent measures of protection to
		prevent further harm to the child 8. Assistance in securing the voluntary return of the child or in bringing
		about an amicable resolution of the issue
		9. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a view
		to obtaining the return of the child
		10. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and advice
		11. Assistance in providing such administrative arrangements as may be
		necessary and appropriate to secure the safe return of the child
		12. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel or mediation services
		13. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental
		organisations for assistance
		14. Regular updates on the progress of the application
		15. Other, please specify:
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c)	A request to secure the return to your	1. None
	State of a runaway	2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention
	child (see Art. 31(c))	
		3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State
		4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the
		competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance
		such authorities could provide
		5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent
		authorities in the requested State
		6. Assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a runaway child
		7. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a view to obtaining the return of the child
		8. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and
		advice
		9. Assistance in providing such administrative arrangements as may be necessary and appropriate to secure the safe return of the child
		10. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel
		11. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental
		organisations for assistance

	12. Regular updates on the progress of the application	
	13. Other, please specify:	
	Please insert text here	
d) A request for a report on the situation of a child habitually resident in another Contracting Party (e.g., a child returned as a result of child abduction proceedings or a child who has moved as a result of a relocation) (see Art. 32(a))	 1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Other, please specify: Please insert text here 	
e) A request that the competent authorities of another Contracting Party decide on the recognition or non-recognition of a measure taken in your State (see Art. 24)	1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel 7. Regular updates on the progress of the request 8. Other, please specify: Please insert text here	
f) A request that the competent authorities of another State Party declare enforceable or register for the purpose of enforcement measures taken in your State (see Art. 26)	1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel 7. Regular updates on the progress of the request 8. Other, please specify: Please insert text here	

21. With the understanding that services provided by Central Authorities under the 1996 Convention may vary, if your Central Authority were to receive a request of assistance from **another Central Authority** on behalf of an individual residing abroad, in connection with the following matters, please specify the nature of the assistance that your Central Authority provides or would provide if the situation were to arise.

Matter	Service(s) provided
a) A request to organise or secure effective exercise of rights of access in another Contracting Party (requested State) ⁵	 1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a view to making arrangements for organising or securing the effective exercise of rights of access 7. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and advice 8. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel or mediation services, where needed in the requested State 9. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental organisations for assistance 10. Provision of regular updates on the progress of the application 11. Other, please specify: Please insert text here
b) A request to secure the return to your State of a child subject to international abduction where the 1980 Convention is not applicable	1. None 2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention 3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of assistance such authorities could provide 5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the competent authorities in the requested State 6. Assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a child who has been wrongfully removed or retained 7. Assistance in taking provisional / urgent measures of protection to prevent further harm to the child 8. Assistance in securing the voluntary return of the child or in bringing about an amicable resolution of the issue 9. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a view to obtaining the return of the child 10. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and advice 11. Assistance in providing such administrative arrangements as may be necessary and appropriate to secure the safe return of the child 12. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel or mediation services 13. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental organisations for assistance 14. Regular updates on the progress of the application

⁵ See in this context, e.g., the $\underline{Practical\ Handbook}$ on the Operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention, sections 11(E)(d) and 13(B) (2014).

	15. Other, please specify:
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c) A request to secure the return to your	1. None
State of a runaway	2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996
child (see	Convention
Art. 31(c))	3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and
	procedures in the requested State
	4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of
	assistance such authorities could provide
	5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the
	competent authorities in the requested State
	6. Assistance in discovering the whereabouts of a runaway child
	7. Assistance in initiating judicial or administrative proceedings with a
	view to obtaining the return of the child
	8. Assistance in providing or facilitating the provision of legal aid and
	advice
	9. Assistance in providing such administrative arrangements as may
	be necessary and appropriate to secure the safe return of the child
	10. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel
	11. Referral to other governmental and / or non-governmental
	organisations for assistance
	12. Regular updates on the progress of the application
	13. Other, please specify:
1)	Please insert text here
d) A request for a	1. None
report on the situation of a child	2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996 Convention
habitually resident	
in another	3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and procedures in the requested State
Contracting Party	4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the
(e.g., a child	competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of
returned as a result of child abduction	assistance such authorities could provide
proceedings or a	5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the
child who has	competent authorities in the requested State
moved as a result	6. Other, please specify:
of a relocation)	Please insert text here
(see Art. 32(a))	
e) A request that the competent	1. None
authorities of	2. Assistance in obtaining information on the operation of the 1996
another	Convention
Contracting Party	3. Assistance in obtaining information on the relevant laws and
decide on the	procedures in the requested State 4. Establishment of contact with the Central Authority and / or the
recognition or non-	competent authorities in the requested State to find out the kind of
recognition of a measure taken in	assistance such authorities could provide
your State (see	5. Transmission of the request to the Central Authority or to the
Art. 24)	competent authorities in the requested State
,	6. Assistance in obtaining private legal counsel
	7. Regular updates on the progress of the request
	8. Other, please specify:

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Mediation, c	onciliation or similar metho	ds (Art. 31(b))
other media the po applie	bodies) take appropr tion, conciliation or sir rson or property of th	ority (either directly or through public authorities or riate steps under Article 31(b) to facilitate, by milar means, agreed solutions for the protection of the child in situations to which the 1996 Convention
the : work	996 Hague Convention	r guidelines to conciliation processes framed in . However, the state of Honduras is currently evelopment in a more efficient manner in order envention.
Placement a	nd provision of care abroad	(Art. 33)
	authorities in your Sta in relation to:	ate experienced any challenges, or have questions
	the scope of applica latives, migrant childre lease provide further dease insert text here	
	time frames of constructions of the sease provide further dease insert text here	ultations under Article 33 letails, if possible:
C		rivalent measures of protection in the other erences in the applicable domestic legislation letails, if possible:
d) [financial costs invol	ved in the placement / provision of care abroad

Please provide further details, if possible: Please insert text here
e) other practical issues arising from the placement / provision of care abroad (e.g., documentation, immigration matters) Please provide further details, if possible: Please insert text here
f) other issues relating to Article 33. Please specify: Please insert text here
24. Have judicial or administrative procedures, guidelines, or protocols been adopted in your State to deal with the placement procedure under Article 33?
No Yes Please describe and also provide a link or attach any relevant documents, preferably translated into English or French:
The state of Honduras is currently working in the process of development in a more efficient manner in order to apply the 1996 Hague Convention.
25.After the placement of the child abroad to another Contracting Party, does your State seek follow up information on the situation of that child?
No Yes Please describe: The state of Honduras is currently working in the process of development in a more efficient manner in order to apply the 1996 Hague Convention.
Reports (Arts 32, 33 and 34)
26. Have authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in providing or obtaining reports or information under Article 32, 33 or 34 ?
No Yes Please describe:
The state of Honduras has successfully accomplished with the requests of information or reports required by other central authorities.
27.Do authorities in your State use a standard template when providing a report on the (situation of the) child under Article 32 or 33?
No Yes
Please attach the template to your response (preferably translated into English or French): Please insert text here

Assistance from the authorities of another Contracting Party

28. Have competent authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in applying Article 35 ?
No Yes Please describe: Please insert text here
29. Have judges in your State used direct judicial communications in cases falling under the 1996 Convention?
No Yes Please specify in relation to which specific matters (e.g., transfer of jurisdiction, placement of a child):: Please insert text here
8. General provisions
Article 40 Certificates
30. How often have competent authorities in your State issued Article 40 certificates indicating the capacity in which a person having parental responsibility or entrusted with the protection of the child's person or property is entitled to act and the powers conferred upon him or her?
 □ Do not know □ Never □ Rarely □ Sometimes □ Very often □ Always
31. Has your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in relation to requests under Article 40 ?
No Yes Please describe: Please insert text here
Issues in relation to the property of the child (Arts 55 and 60)
32. How often have competent authorities in your State dealt with measures for the protection of the property of the child by using the framework of the Convention ?
☐ Do not know ☐ Never

Rarely Sometimes Very often Always
If possible, please provide supplementary information: The Central Authority of Honduras up to date has not received any request based on the article 55 under the 1996 Hague Convention.
9. Special topics
International family relocation
33. Has your State adopted specific procedures for international family relocation?
Yes Please describe such procedures, if possible: Direccion de Niñez, Adolescencia y Familia (DINAF) along with the National Institute of Migration are the entities in charge of the process of asylum and refuge for international families relocation in the state of Honduras. No Please describe how the authorities deal with international family relocation cases, if
possible: Please insert text here 34. Are you aware of any use being made of Article 24, which provides for advance recognition, in lieu of or in connection with international family relocation?
 No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
35.Are you aware of any use being made of other provisions of the 1996 Convention in cases where a parent wishes to relocate with his or her child to another State?
No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
Children subject to international abduction
36. Have authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in relation to the application of the 1996 Convention (e.g., Art. 50) in cases of child abduction where the 1980 Convention was not applicable (see Questions 20(b) and 21(b) above)?
No Yes

Please describe: Please insert text here
37.In cases of child abduction where both the 1980 Convention and the 1996 Convention were applicable, have authorities in your State made use of provisions under the 1996 Convention (e.g., Art. 50) in addition to or instead of provisions of the 1980 Convention?
No Yes Please specify the provisions and explain: Please insert text here
38.In cases of child abduction, whether or not the 1980 Convention is applicable, have authorities in your State used the cooperation provisions in Chapter V of the 1996 Convention to determine whether adequate measures of protection are available in the State of the habitual residence of the child (e.g., to facilitate the safe return of the child)?
No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
39.In cases of child abduction, have competent authorities in your State taken measures of protection under Article 11, as an alternative to measures of protection in the form of mirror orders or undertakings, to facilitate the safe return of the child?
No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
Unaccompanied and separated children ⁶ and emergency situations (Art. 6)
40. How often have competent authorities in your State dealt with cases involving refugee children, internationally displaced children, or children whose habitual residence cannot be established by using the framework of the 1996 Convention?
 □ Do not know □ Never ⋈ Rarely □ Sometimes □ Very often □ Always

In relation to this section of the Questionnaire, see Prel. Doc. No 7 of February 2020, "The application of the 1996 Child Protection Convention to unaccompanied and separated children".

If possible, please provide supplementary information:

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41. Where the habitual residence of a child present in your State could not be established , have authorities in your State used any of the cooperation provisions of the 1996 Convention in determining the child's place of habitual residence?
No Yes Please specify: Please insert text here
42. Have competent authorities in your State had experience with providing assistance to discover the whereabouts of children that went missing due to disturbances occurring in their State of habitual residence by using the framework provided by the 1996 Convention?
NoYesPlease specify:Please insert text here
43. Have procedures , guidelines , or protocols been adopted in your State to dea with the protection of unaccompanied or separated children in the context of the 1996 Convention?
 No Yes Please describe and also provide a link or attach any relevant documents, preferably translated into English or French: Please insert text here
44.In emergency situations, such as a humanitarian crisis, have authorities in your State experienced any challenges, or have questions arisen, in regard to the exchange of information among authorities of the Contracting Parties, in particular taking into account Articles 36 and 37 of the 1996 Convention?
The state of Honduras up to date has not received requests regarding the articles 36 and 37 of the 1996 Hague Convention.
45.Are you aware of whether Preliminary Document No 7 of February 2020 "The application of the 1996 Child Protection Convention to unaccompanied and separated children", has been brought to the attention of the competent authorities in your State?
No Yes Please specify: Please insert text here

International access / contact cases involving children

46.Should your State also be a Contracting Party to the 1980 Convention, are you aware of any use being made of provisions of the 1996 Convention, including those under Chapter V , in lieu of or in connection with an application under Article 21 of the 1980 Convention? ⁷
No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
Practical Handbook
47.Do you have any observations or comments to share concerning the Practica Handbook on the Operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention?
No Yes Please specify: Please insert text here

Agenda items for the next SC meeting

48. Are there any **particular issues** that your State would like the SC meeting to discuss in relation to the 1996 Convention? Please specify and list in order of priority:

Can the protection measure established in the 1996 convention being invoked in parallel or together with the 1980 and 2007 Hague Conventions?

The <u>Explanatory Report</u> (Lagarde) on the 1996 Convention notes that cooperation under Art. 35(1) between authorities of States Parties with respect to rights of access "serves in a certain way to complete and reinforce the co-operation, which is not always effective, provided for the same purpose between Central Authorities" under Art. 21 of the 1980 Convention. Explanatory Report, para. 146 (1997).

PART II - FOR NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES

49. Is your State currently considering signing and ratifying or acceding to the 1996 Child Protection Convention?
 Yes If possible, please provide further information: Please insert text here No If possible, please provide further information: Please insert text here
50.In considering how your State would implement the 1996 Child Protection Convention , have you encountered any issues of concern ?
No Yes Please explain: Please insert text here
51.Are there any particular issues that your State would like the SC meeting to discuss in relation to the 1996 Child Protection Convention?
No Yes Please specify and list in order of priority: Please insert text here
52.Do you have any observations or comments to share concerning the Practical Handbook on the Operation of the 1996 Child Protection Convention?
No Yes Please specify: Please insert text here

The responses to the Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1996 Convention circulated in December 2016 are available at this link $\frac{\text{https://www.hcch.net/en/publications-and-studies/details4/?pid=6550&dtid=33}$.

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