



# The Essentials

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# Introduction

# HCCH



est. 1893

Hague Conference on Private International Law

Conférence de la Haye de droit international privé



*HCCH Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents*

# Conference vs Convention



HCCH  
Members

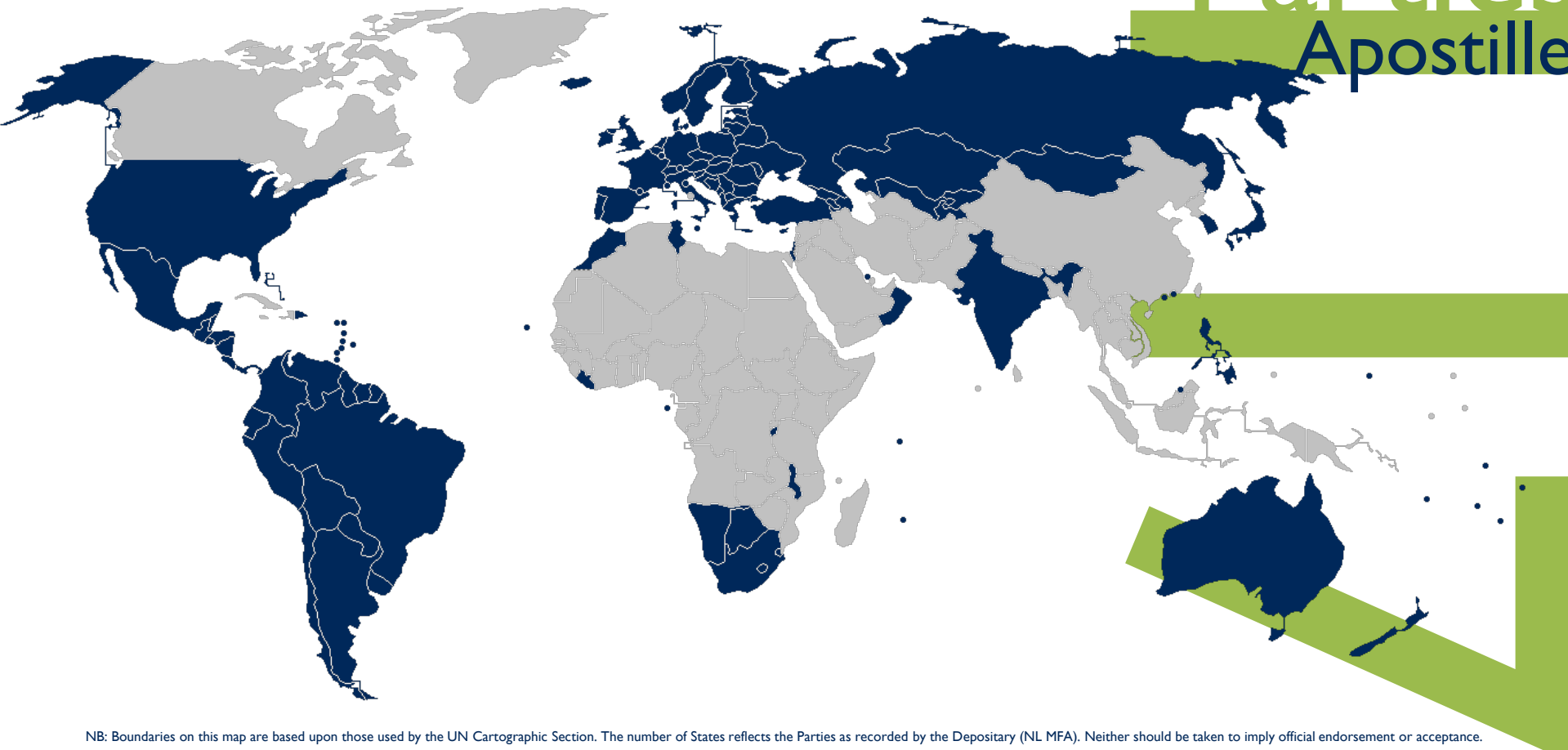
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# Global Coverage



Parties  
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NB: Boundaries on this map are based upon those used by the UN Cartographic Section. The number of States reflects the Parties as recorded by the Depositary (NL MFA). Neither should be taken to imply official endorsement or acceptance.

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The e-APP

# electronic Apostille Programme



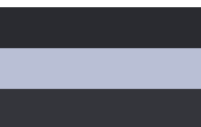
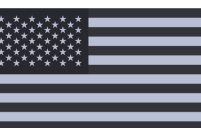
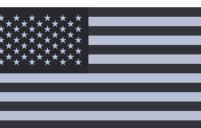
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11<sup>th</sup> Forum | Fortaleza



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1<sup>st</sup> Forum | *Las Vegas*

2<sup>nd</sup> Forum | *Washington D.C.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Forum | *Los Angeles*

4<sup>th</sup> Forum | *New Orleans*

5<sup>th</sup> Forum | *London*

6<sup>th</sup> Forum | *Madrid*

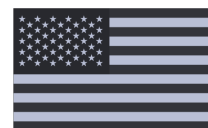
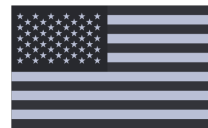
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7<sup>th</sup> Forum | *Izmir*

8<sup>th</sup> Forum | *Montevideo*

9<sup>th</sup> Forum | *Hong Kong*

10<sup>th</sup> Forum | *The Hague*

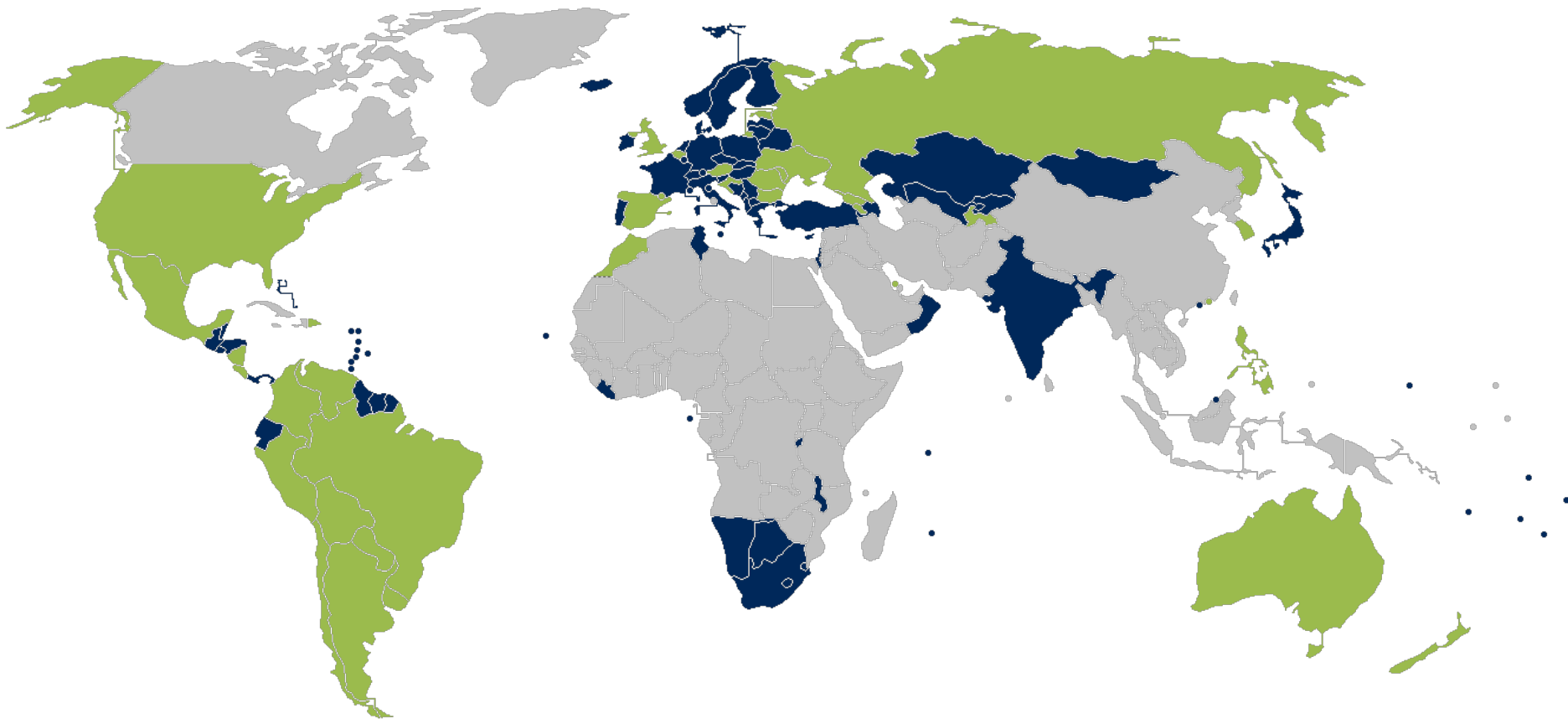


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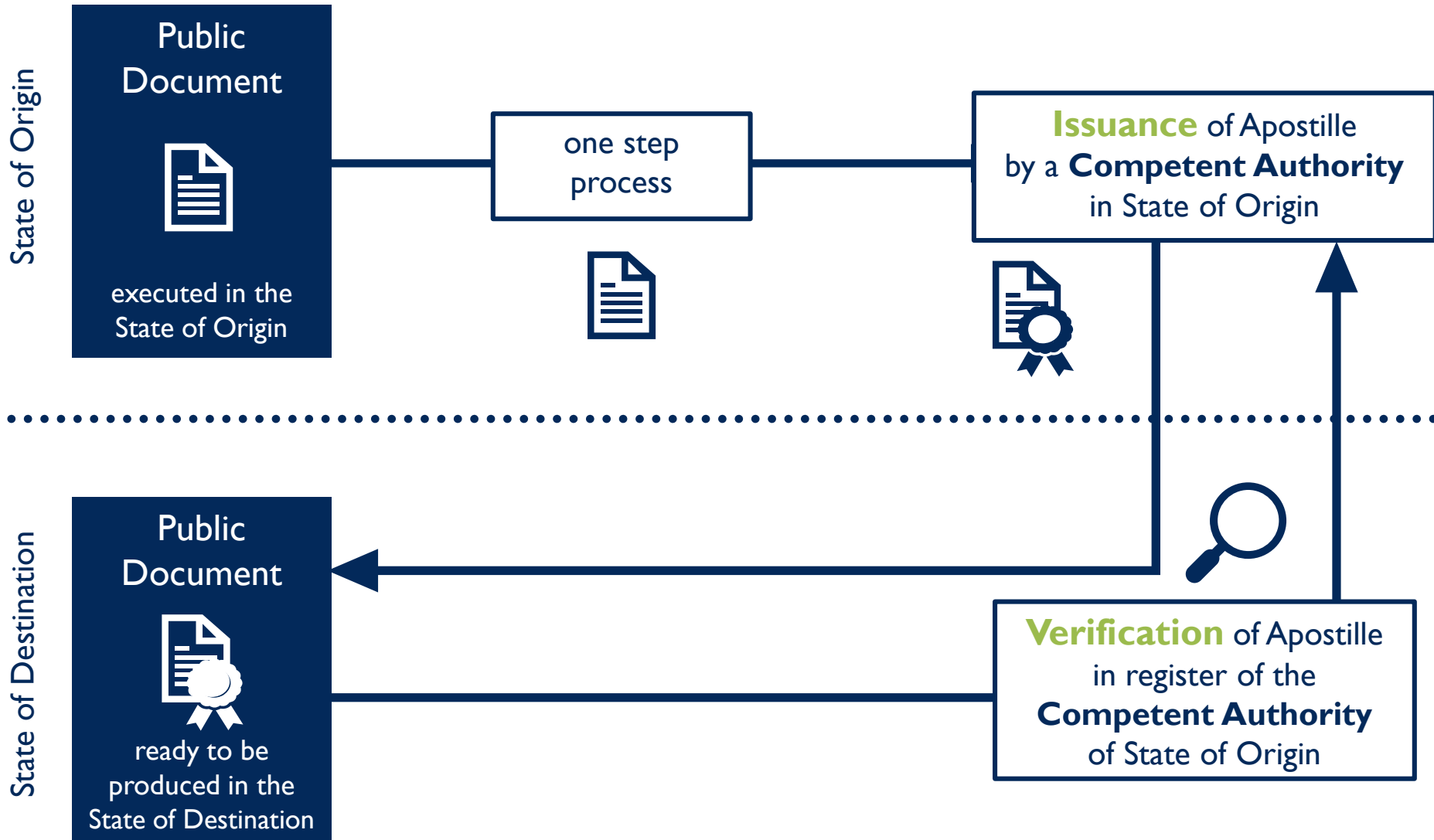


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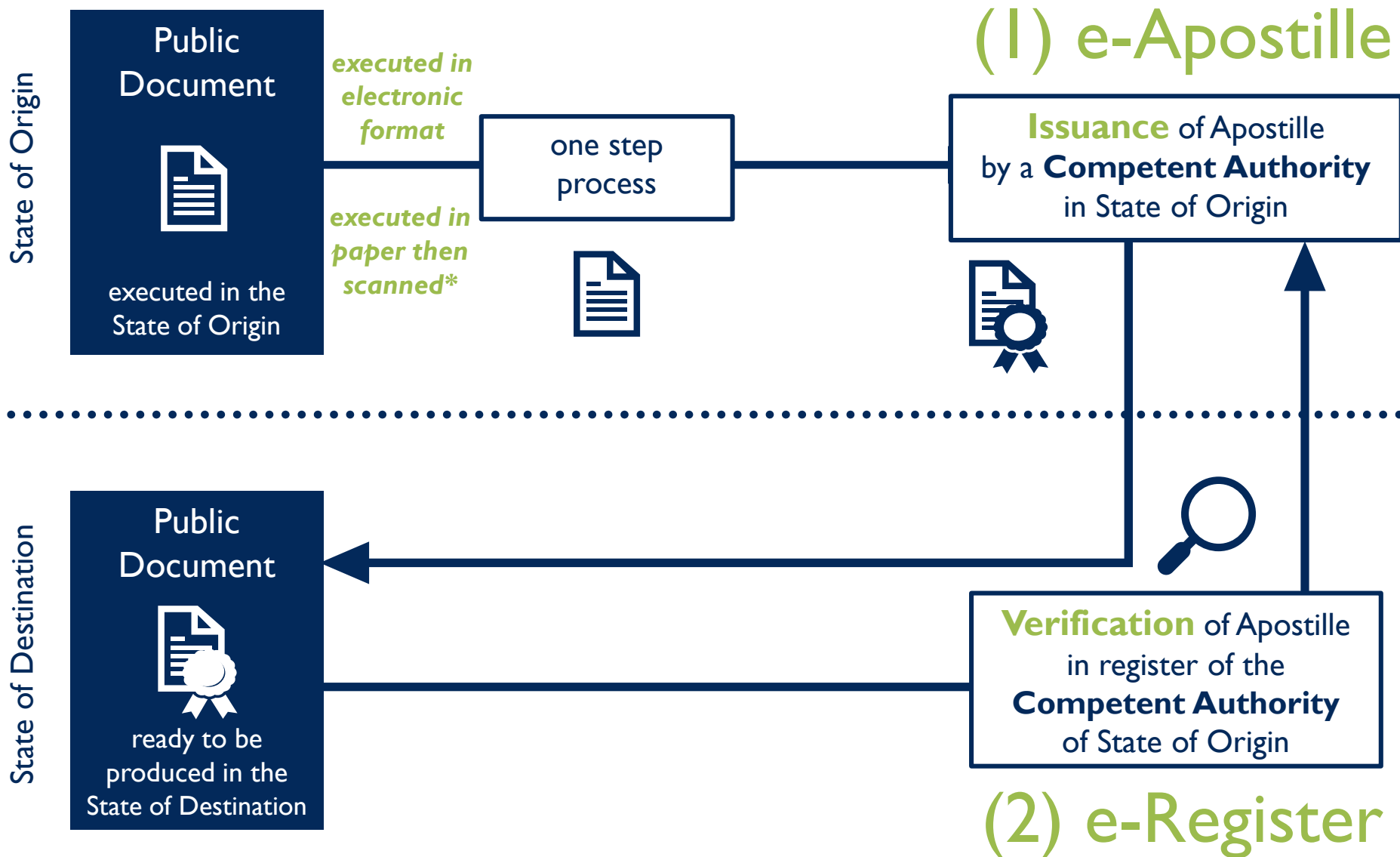
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# Simplified Procedure



# Two Components





e-Apostille

# Apostille Requirements



“Public documents” (Art. 1)



... “executed in the territory of” ... (Art. 1)



Verification of only the origin (Art. 5(2))  
(signature, capacity, seal/stamp)

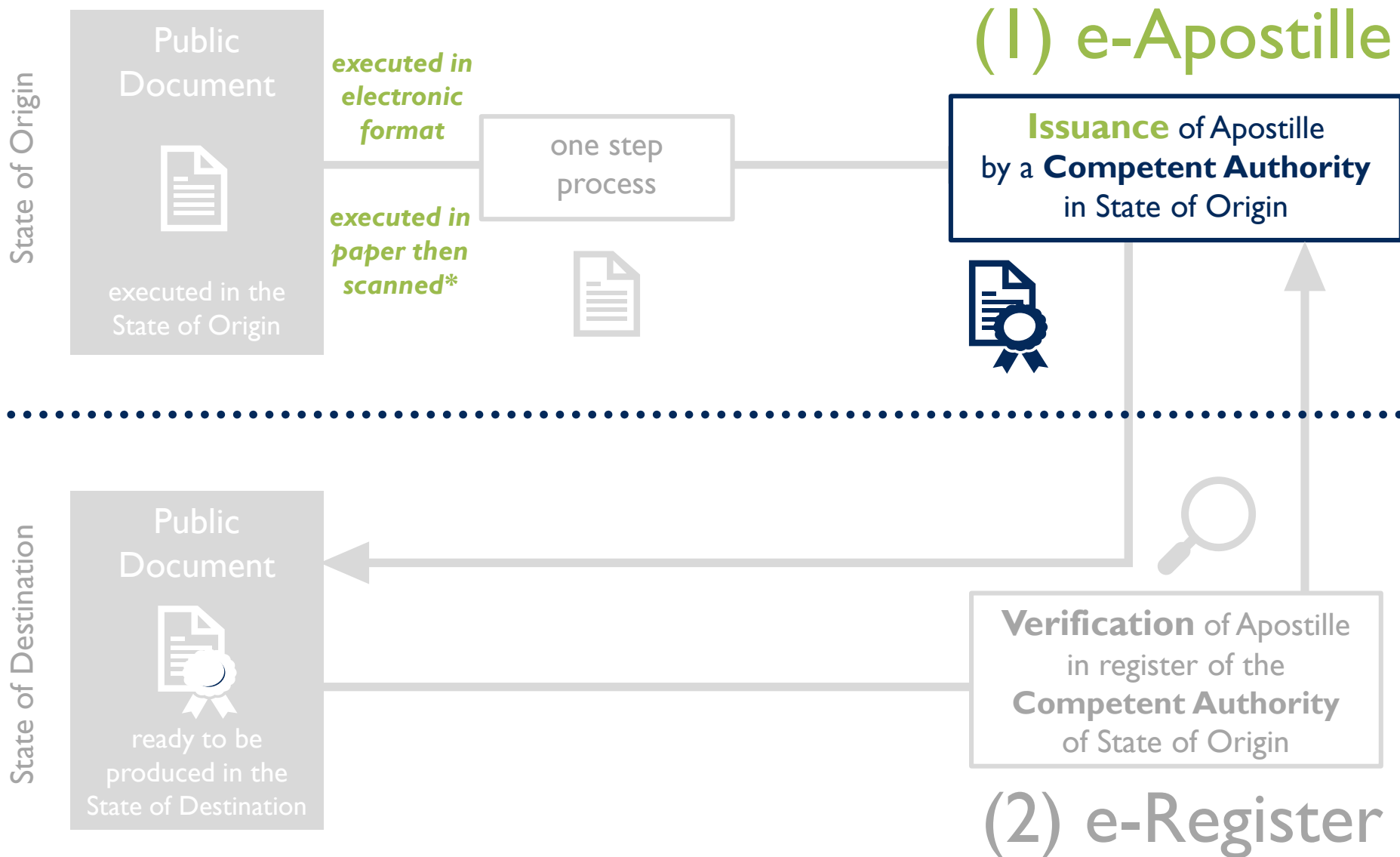


Must be attached (Art. 4)



Model with 10 standard items (Art. 4)

# Two Components



# e-Apostille

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Signature Panel

APOSTILLE  
(Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961)

1. Country: .....  
This public document  
2. has been signed by .....  
3. acting in the capacity .....  
4. bears the seal/stamp of .....  
.....

Certified  
5. at ..... 6. the .....  
7. by .....  
N° .....  
9. Seal/stamp: ..... 10. Signature: .....

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PDF

Adobe

Apostille

e-Signature

Underlying  
Public  
Document



# Other e-Apostille Aspects

Validly issued Apostilles must be accepted



No rejection for lack of regulation or legislation



Receiving authority may have specific requirements  
(admissibility, form or probative value)



Resolve rejections quickly and efficiently



Technologies to facilitate e-Apostille services



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e-Register

# Register Requirements

Apostille Number

Date of issuance

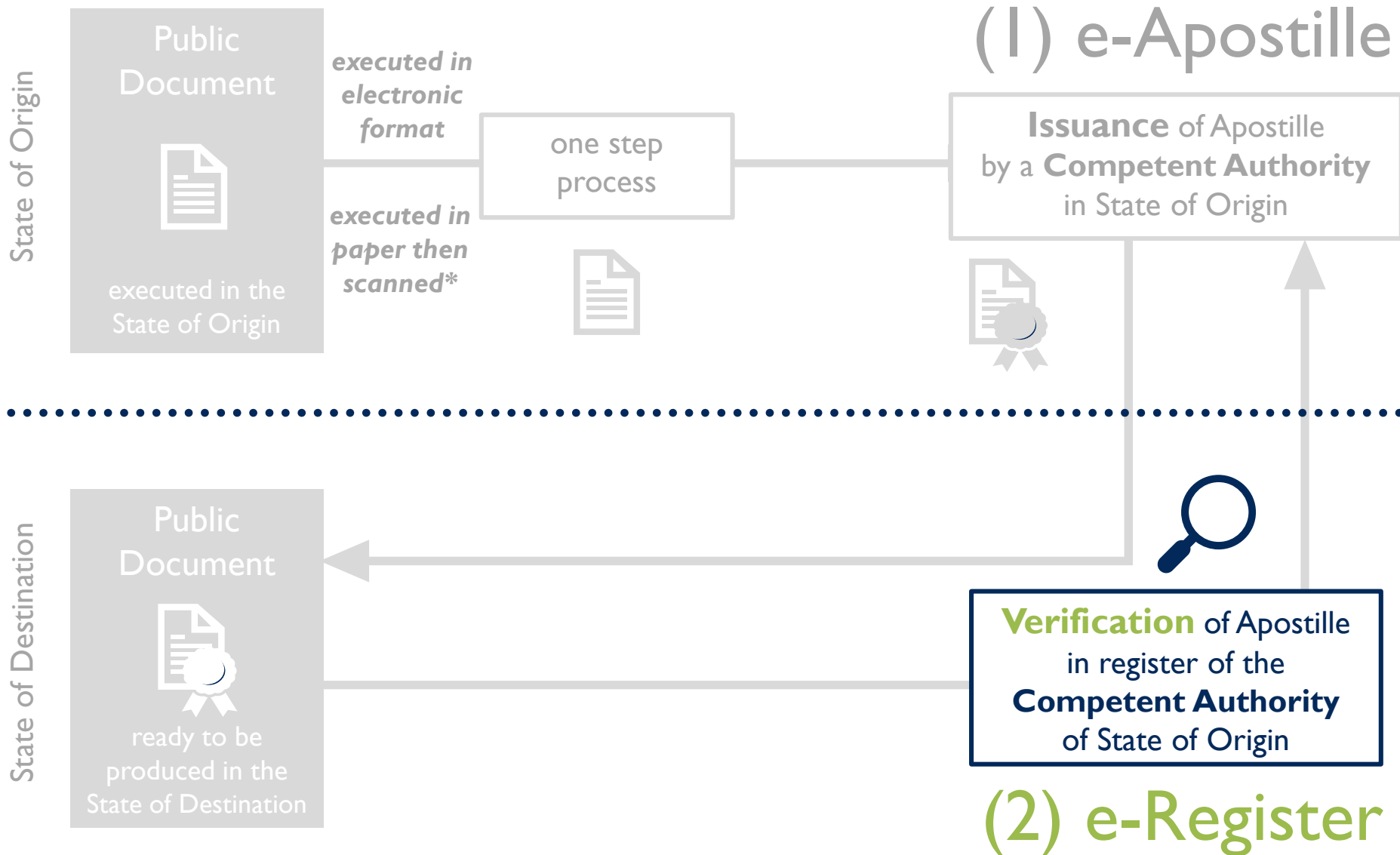
Name and capacity of person  
signing underlying public document

Authority issuing  
underlying public document

Art.

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2  
3  
4

# Two Components



# Categories of e-Register



## Basic

*“Yes / No” (do not fulfil Art. 7 requirements)*



## Intermediate

*Basic data from Apostille and/or underlying public document | Possible visual comparison*



## Advanced

*Digital signature validation of Apostille and/or underlying public document*

# e-Register Recommendations

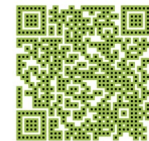
Frequent, systematic verification to combat fraud



Security and long-term retention of entries



User-friendly systems to improve accessibility



Resources for users, instructions, guidelines





Conclusion

# Diversity & Trust



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Connecter Protéger Coopérer Depuis 1893  
Connecting Protecting Cooperating Since 1893



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