



Publications Catalogue

March 2024

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 2024 edition of the Publications Catalogue (Catalogue) of the HCCH.

This Catalogue comprises the full list of publications issued by the HCCH since it was first convened in 1893. The publications are available on a range of traditional and modern media, including hard copies, simple downloads or e-books.

HCCH publications are usually available in at least English or French, the two official languages of the HCCH. In many cases, however, the generous support of numerous States and institutions have allowed the publications to be translated into other, non-official languages.

The HCCH's publications cover a wide range of topics reflecting the Organisation's work in the areas of International Family and Child Protection Law; Transnational Litigation and Legal Cooperation; and International Commercial and Financial Law. The collection of the HCCH's Conventions and instruments and the Proceedings of its Diplomatic Sessions are also included in this Catalogue.

There are three features of this edition which are worth mentioning expressly.

First, the HCCH's Secretariat, the Permanent Bureau, has edited the Proceedings of each Session, thus creating an impressive collection of the Actes et documents that chronicles those Sessions.

Secondly, the HCCH e-book store, which was launched in 2015, now allows users to purchase certain major publications quickly and easily, and upgrades the reader's experience by offering additional new features, such as full-text searches, bookmarking, highlighting and annotating.

Finally, the HCCH's website has been completely revamped, providing simple and efficient access to organisational documents. Visitors to the website will find it easy to navigate to general and specific information compiled for each of the instruments, including the authoritative texts of the HCCH Conventions, full status reports, bibliographies, information concerning authorities designated under each instrument, and a comprehensive array of key governance documents which shed light on the operation of the Organisation.

Finally, readers can always find the most recent version of this Catalogue on the HCCH website (www.hcch.net), where it serves as a one-stop-shop for those who wish to remain up to date on the HCCH's latest publications.

Happy reading!

The Permanent Bureau

The HCCH at a glance

A Global Organisation

The HCCH currently has 91 Members – comprising States representing all major regions of the globe, as well as one organisation, the European Union. In addition, a number of non-Members have either signed or become Parties to the HCCH Conventions. As a result, the work of the HCCH encompasses over 150 States around the world.

Building bridges between legal systems, reinforcing legal certainty and security

In an increasingly connected world, people and businesses alike find themselves in situations which are connected to more than one country. In such multi-jurisdictional settings, important questions arise, including which country's courts are competent to decide possible disputes, which law would those courts have to apply, and how could a judgment given by those courts be enforced in another country. The answers to these rules are provided by a specialised body of rules known as "private international law".

The statutory mission of the HCCH is to work towards the "progressive unification" of these rules. When promulgated, they represent internationally-agreed approaches and important "road signs" that allocate competency, applicable law, and the ability to enforce a foreign judgment. Combined with innovative mechanisms that foster international judicial and administrative co-operation, the rules comprise the HCCH's multilateral legal instruments.

These instruments build strong "bridges" between legal systems in the areas of commercial law and litigation, international civil procedure and child protection as well as in matters of marriage and personal status. The HCCH's ultimate goal is to work for a world in which, despite the differences between legal systems, people and businesses can enjoy a high degree of legal security.

An Organisation with a proud history, a strong presence and a bright future

The HCCH draws on more than 125 years of experience progressively unifying the rules of private international law, with its origins dating back to 1893 – the year of the first "Hague Conference", convened by the Dutch government at the behest of T.M.C. Asser. A Dutch lawyer, scholar and diplomat, Asser would later be awarded the 1911 Nobel Peace Prize for his visionary efforts towards the establishment of what would become a multilateral platform for dialogue and collaboration in the field of private international law.

In the following decades, six more Sessions of the Hague Conference would be convened until, at its seventh Session, held shortly after the end of the Second World War, a number of States agreed upon the adoption of a Statute which, upon its entry into force in 1955, would establish the HCCH as a permanent inter-governmental organisation, governed and funded by its Members, and supported by a multinational secretariat, the Permanent Bureau.

Since then, the HCCH works for the progressive unification of the rules of private international law, both through the negotiation and adoption of Conventions and other legal instruments and through the provision of post-Convention services to ensure the effective implementation and operation of its Conventions and instruments.

Its many activities are coordinated by the Permanent Bureau, headquartered in The Hague (Netherlands), with a Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Buenos Aires (Argentina), and a Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Hong Kong (China).

The Permanent Bureau maintains direct contact with its Members through designated National and Contact Organs, as well as through the many national Central and competent Authorities that have been designated under certain Conventions. Moreover, it develops and maintains strong ties with experts, international governmental and non-governmental organisations, and with professional and academic communities. The Permanent Bureau is also responsible for the organisation of the HCCH's meetings and events, for the conduct of preparatory research on the subjects covered by the Organisation, and for the provision of post-Convention services and assistance.

The HCCH Conventions and instruments

Since its inception, over 40 Conventions and instruments have been adopted under the auspices of the HCCH, providing clarity and direction in cross-border relations across three main areas:

- International Family and Child Protection Law
- Transnational Litigation and Legal Cooperation
- International Commercial and Financial Law

These instruments offer clear private international law rules and innovative legal, administrative and judicial solutions to problems commonly encountered in cross-border trade, commerce, investment or movement of people.

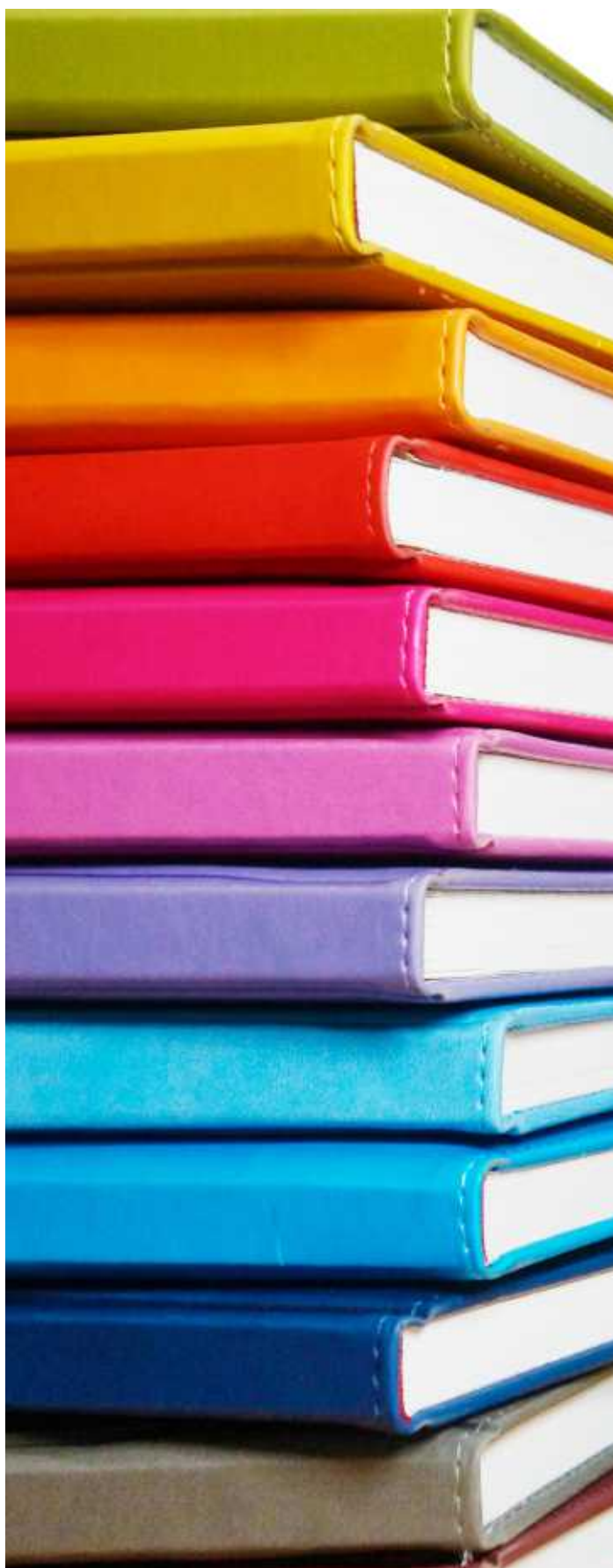
Among the various HCCH Conventions and instruments, the following are considered core Conventions and instruments, prioritised due to their wide implementation, strong practical relevance, or recent adoption:

- 1961 Apostille Convention
- 1961 Form of Wills Convention
- 1965 Service Convention
- 1970 Evidence Convention
- 1970 Divorce Convention
- 1980 Access to Justice Convention
- 1980 Child Abduction Convention
- 1985 Trusts Convention
- 1993 Adoption Convention
- 1996 Child Protection Convention
- 2000 Protection of Adults Convention
- 2005 Choice of Court Convention
- 2006 Securities Convention
- 2007 Child Support Convention & 2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol
- 2015 Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts
- 2019 Judgments Convention

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About the Catalogue

The HCCH publications featured in this Catalogue are organised into the following six colour-coded categories:

- 1 The "**Major Publications**" Section includes publications that represent the core work of the HCCH, namely the development of instruments for the progressive unification of private international law rules. The publications gathered in this Section are: the Proceedings of the HCCH, a valuable source of information and the principal published work of the Organisation; the Conventions – the result of work carried out by the Diplomatic Sessions resulting in the adoption of the aforementioned Conventions, and the 2015 HCCH Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts, the first normative soft-law instrument developed by the HCCH and approved in March 2015; and the Explanatory Reports drawn up for each Convention, which are aimed at providing information to the public as to the sense intended by the Diplomatic representatives for a particular Convention. Finally, three other types of "general" publications complete this Section: the Annual Report, aiming at making the HCCH better known; the Brochures, pursuing the goal of providing a concise and useful source of information for practitioners who are working with the Conventions for which brochures have been drawn up; and the last item entitled "Interdisciplinary Publications" is intended to highlight particular publications that could be qualified as "cross-disciplinary" publications, drawn up in the frame of particular circumstances. Such is the case for the Essays in honour of Hans van Loon.¹
- 2 The "**International Family & Child Protection Law**" Section gathers specific publications published by the Permanent Bureau in this particular field of the HCCH activities. This Section includes different types of publications, such as Explanatory Reports, Handbooks, Guides to Good Practice and Brochures, which relate to the following topics: Intercountry Adoption, Child Abduction, Child Support, Protection of Adults and Protection of Children. These publications are more particularly aimed at the authorities of the Members of the HCCH and Contracting States who are charged with applying the Conventions, but can also be a useful source of information for practitioners – judges, lawyers, notaries, social workers – who are working with the Conventions for which they have been drawn up. Finally, this Section includes The Judges' Newsletter on International Child Protection (published biannually until 2013), which aims to guarantee circulation of information relating to judicial co-operation in the field of international protection of children.
- 3 The "**Transnational Litigation & Legal Cooperation**" Section includes specific publications drawn up by the Permanent Bureau in this particular field of the HCCH activities. This Section includes different types of publications, such as Explanatory Reports, Handbooks, Guides to Good Practice and Brochures, which relate to the following topics: Access to Justice, Apostille, Choice of Court, Evidence, Form of Wills, Judgments and Service. These publications are more particularly aimed at the authorities of the Members of the HCCH and Contracting States who are charged with applying the Conventions, but can also be a useful source of information for practitioners – judges, lawyers, notaries, social workers – who are working with the Conventions for which they have been drawn up.

¹ See p. 51 for more details.

- 4 In line with the three previous Sections, the dedicated "**International Commercial & Financial Law**" Section includes specific publications drawn up by the Permanent Bureau in this particular field of the HCCH activities. This Section gathers different types of publications, such as Explanatory Reports, Handbooks, Guides to Good Practice and Brochures, which relate to the following topics: Choice of Law in Contracts, Securities and Trusts. These publications are more particularly aimed at the authorities of the Members of the HCCH and Contracting States who are charged with applying the Conventions, but can also be a useful source of information for practitioners – judges, lawyers, notaries, social workers – who are working with the Conventions for which they have been drawn up.
- 5 A fifth Section is devoted to "**Joint Publications**", *i.e.*, this Section brings together publications that are the result of collaboration with third parties, such as the European Union, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) or UNCITRAL and Unidroit, sister organisations of the HCCH.
- 6 The "**e-Books**" Section aims to gather publications that are available as an e-book into a unique place, regardless of the subject matter. This Section also provides practical information regarding technological aspects and an outline of procedures to be followed for purchasing an e-book.

For the convenience of users, a key provides information on the format in which the publications are available. It reads as follows:



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Furthermore, the electronic version of this Catalogue contains hypertext links allowing the user to consult the publications directly online, in either a Word or PDF version (see overleaf).

A table (see example below) providing practical information follows each publication.

The diagram illustrates a table structure with callouts for various elements:

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Major Publications

Instruments

Collection of instruments of the HCCH

This bilingual volume contains a selection of instruments that have entered into force under the auspices of the HCCH. It also includes two new instruments which have been adopted since the release of the last edition in 2009: the *2015 Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts* - the first normative soft-law instrument developed and approved by the Organisation - and the *Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters*. However, the addition of these two is not the only difference between this new edition and the previous versions. The Collection is lighter, featuring only those HCCH instruments that are successful and active or otherwise represent a significant contribution to the development of private international law. And, for the first time, we have included a Guide to the Collection.

The texts of the Conventions and Protocols not reproduced in this Edition are available on the HCCH website (<www.hcch.net>).

N.B.: Many HCCH instruments have been translated into other languages than English and French, official languages of the Organisation. These translations are available on the HCCH website, under "Other languages". Please note that only the English and French versions are authentic.

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This publication contains the Spanish translation of the Statute of the Hague Conference on Private International Law as well as the Conventions adopted between 1951 and 2007 by the Organisation. The special feature of this translation is that this work, even if Spanish is not an official language of the HCCH, was recommended by the Permanent Bureau, which closely followed the work undertaken by the authors, with the collaboration of experts on both sides of the Atlantic.

The publication is structured as follows:

Part I: Preliminary Study and presentation. The unification of Private International Law and Spanish translation of the Hague Conventions.

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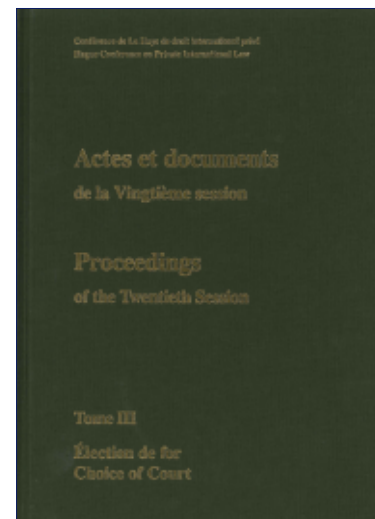
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Proceedings of the HCCH

The principal published work of the HCCH is the collection of the *Actes et documents / Proceedings of the HCCH*. This collection gathers the transcripts of the debates as well as the negotiations and preparatory work of the Diplomatic Sessions, which result in the adoption of a new Convention. To date, this collection comprises 52 volumes, each made up of a number of bound tomes. Tome I of each volume (Miscellaneous Matters) is generally given over to the general affairs and policy of the HCCH and includes the internal rules of procedure for the sessions, the Preliminary Documents and Working Documents concerning the strategy of the Organisation, the monitoring of the HCCH Conventions and the work programme envisaged for the future. The minutes of the meetings of the Session and the Final Act adopted are also included in Tome I. The other tomes that make up each volume collect together the documents specifically relevant to the subject of the new adopted Convention, and also include its Explanatory Report. This Report is in addition made available as an offprint, which can be ordered separately from the Permanent Bureau of the HCCH (or from the publisher in certain cases). For more information, see "Explanatory Reports", page 31.



Each volume is bilingual with English and French texts published side by side, except for the Proceedings of the First to the Tenth Sessions, which were published in French only, and the *Proceedings of the Extraordinary Session of 1966*, for which only the responses of the Governments to the questionnaires and their observations on the preliminary draft Convention were reproduced in their original language version, either French or English.

Since January 2020, the *Proceedings* the Diplomatic Sessions of the HCCH (*i.e.* from the First to the Twentieth Sessions) are available on the HCCH website (under "Publications and Studies" then "Publications" and "Proceedings of the Diplomatic Sessions"). Paper copies of these Proceedings can still be ordered from the Permanent Bureau, using the order form (see p. 135). Please note however, that the *Proceedings of the Nineteenth Session* are distributed by Brill Academic Publishers and can be ordered directly through their website (<www.brill.com>) or through your usual bookshops. The *Proceedings of the Twentieth Session* are distributed by Intersentia and can be ordered directly on their website (<www.intersentia.com>) or through your usual bookshops.

At the time of publication of this Catalogue, the Permanent Bureau is in the process of publishing Tome I of the Twenty-First Session on the 2007 Child Support Convention on the HCCH website. Tome II on the 2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol will be made available on the HCCH website in the coming months. It should be noted that as from the Twenty-First Session, the "Miscellaneous matters" hitherto contained in Tome I will now be included in the last Tome of the Diplomatic Sessions.

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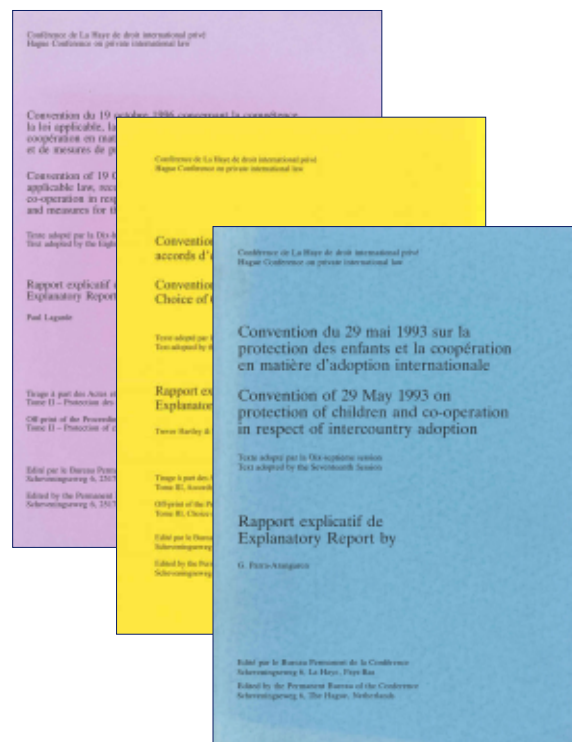
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
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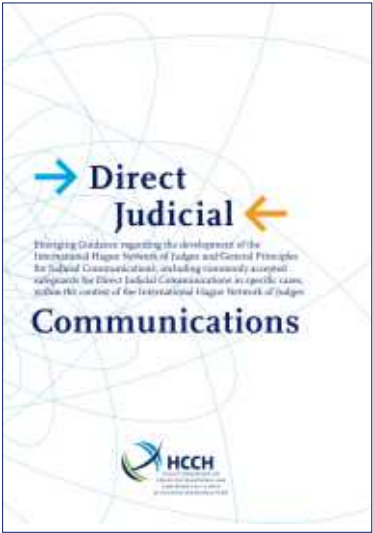
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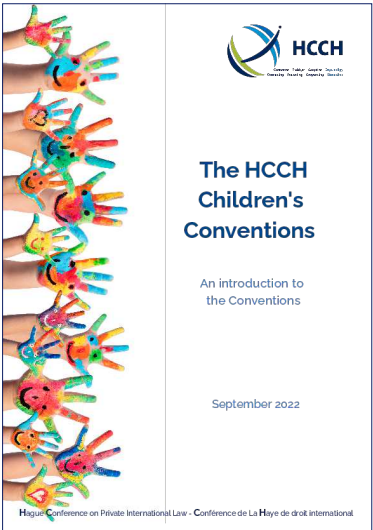
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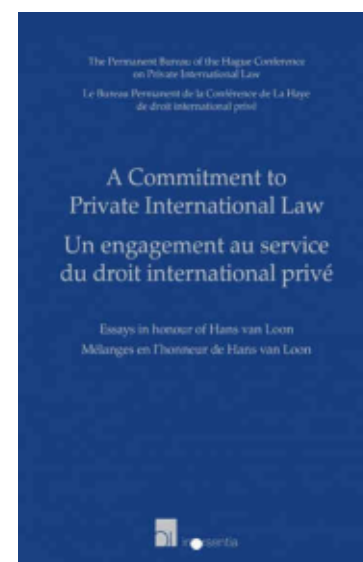
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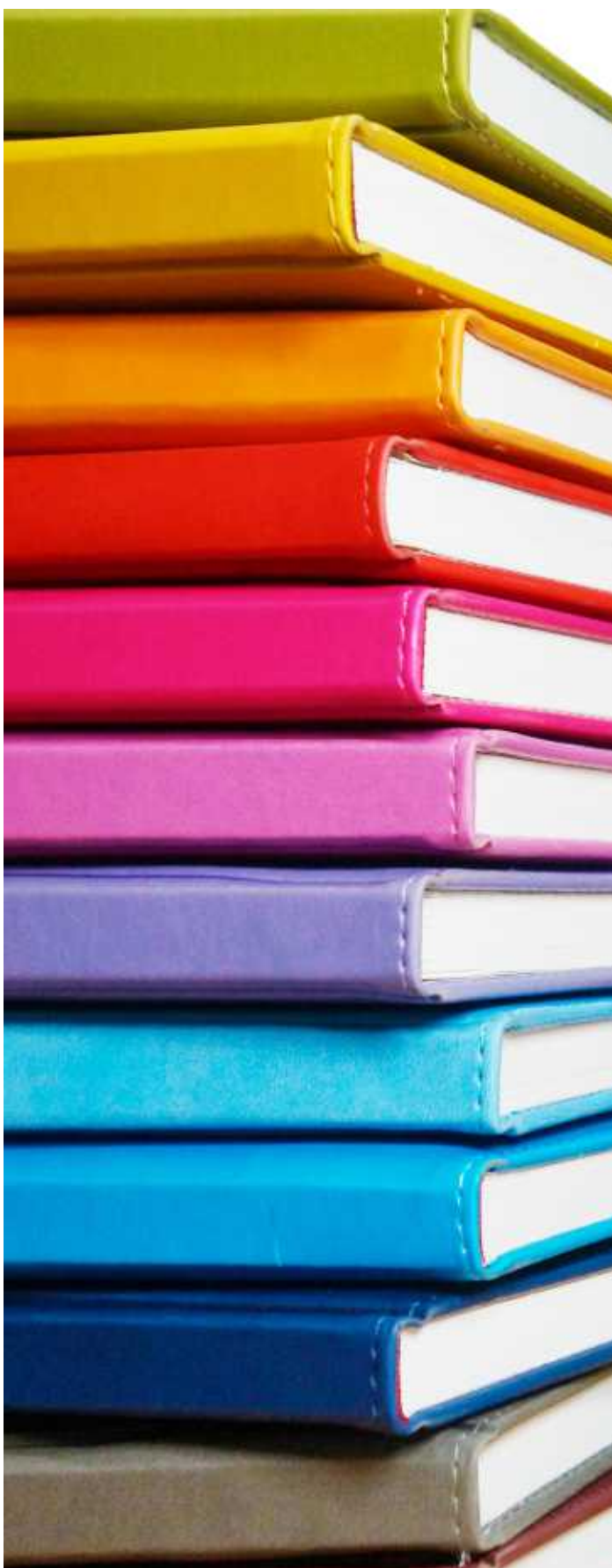
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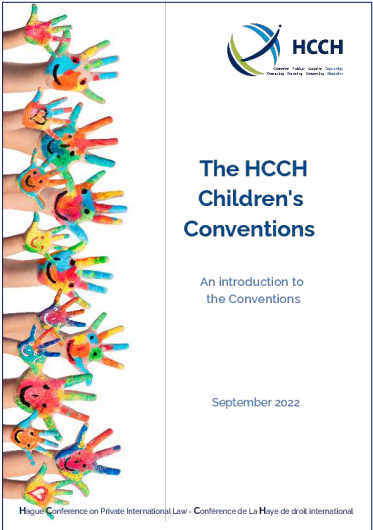
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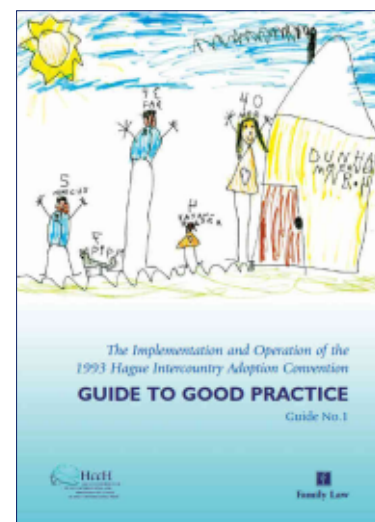
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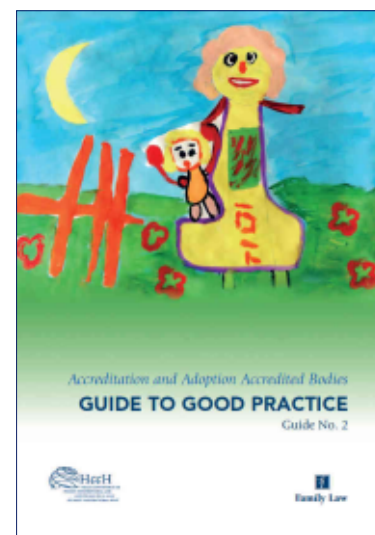


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The purpose of this Guide is therefore to have an accessible resource, expressed in plain language, which is available to Contracting States, accredited bodies, parents and all those other actors involved in intercountry adoption. The Guide aims to: emphasise that the principles and obligations of the Convention apply to all actors in Hague Convention intercountry adoptions; clarify the Convention's obligations and standards for the establishment and operation of accredited bodies; encourage acceptance of higher standards than the minimum standards of the Convention; identify good practices to implement those obligations and standards; and propose a set of model accreditation criteria which will assist Contracting States to achieve greater consistency in the professional standards and practices of their accredited bodies.



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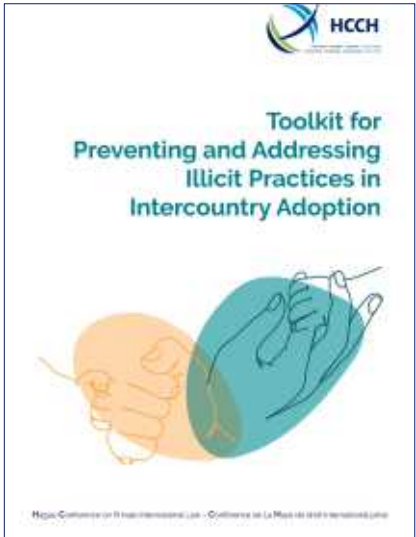
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The first part of the Toolkit consists of Fact Sheets aimed at assisting in better identifying and recognising illicit practices in intercountry adoption, as well as factors that may contribute to and/or facilitate their development, and measures and safeguards that may assist in preventing them. The second part of the Toolkit consists of a Checklist to assist decision-making by Central Authorities, listing issues to watch out for and actions which may be taken at each step of the intercountry adoption procedure to help prevent or reduce, to the extent possible, the risk of illicit practices. The third part of the Toolkit consists of a Model Procedure aimed at providing guidance on how to respond to specific cases or suspected cases of illicit practices, including when these cases are part of a pattern of illicit practices. Finally, the fourth part of the Toolkit consists of Guidelines aimed at providing guidance on how States can cooperate and coordinate their efforts in order to prevent and respond to illicit practices.



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The Permanent Bureau wishes to thank the Central Authorities under the 1993 Adoption Convention for contributing, through their valuable comments and suggestions, to the development and refinement of the Model Forms.



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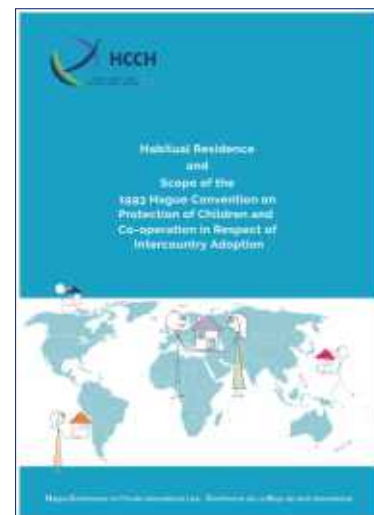


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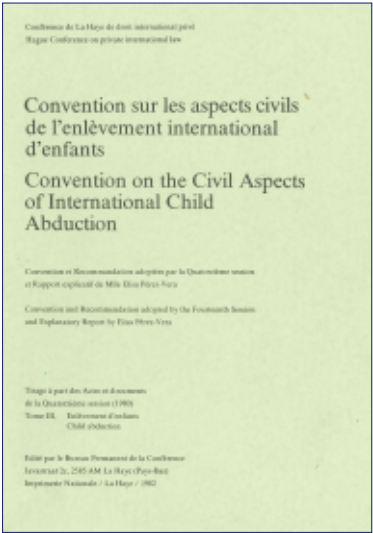
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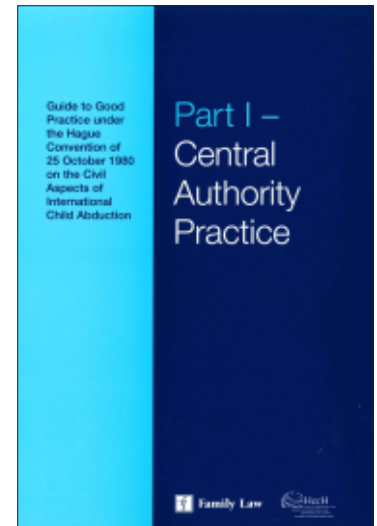


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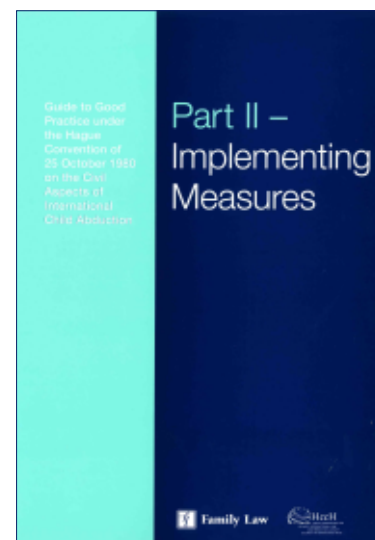
N.B.: The English and French versions of Parts I and II of the Guide to Good Practice under the 1980 Child Abduction Convention are currently out of stock with the publisher. Only electronic versions of these parts are available from the HCCH website at the moment. All parts of the Guide are expected to be re-published in the course of 2020.

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Part II – Implementing Measures

Part II of the Guide to Good Practice raises matters that need to be considered when implementing the Convention within national systems. Its objective is to draw attention to arrangements, practices and procedures which have been found in practice to be useful in implementing and operating the Convention successfully in different jurisdictions.

The provisions of the *Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* are cast in language sufficiently precise and neutral that they may be easily applied by domestic courts and authorities. What is necessary to incorporate the Convention into the domestic order of any State Party is a matter which depends on the constitutional order of each State. Whatever the constitutional position, some implementing measures will be needed for the Convention to operate efficiently.



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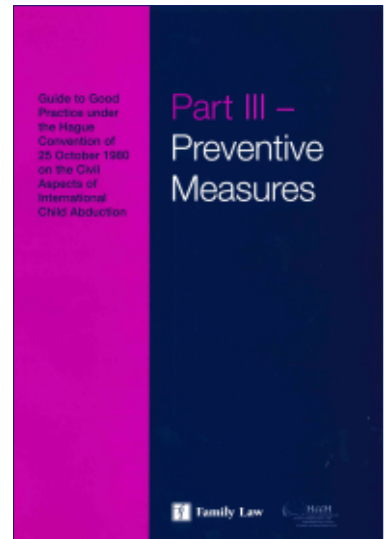
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Part III – Preventive Measures

Part III of the Guide to Good Practice deals with preventive measures. Preventing abduction is a key aim of the 1980 Convention and it is widely acknowledged that it is better to prevent abduction than to have to seek a child's return after abduction.

It should be noted from the outset that Part III of the Guide to Good Practice differs in scope from Parts I and II. The scope is broader than the previous Parts, as it is not confined to dealing solely with good practice in relation to the implementation or operation of the 1980 Hague Convention. Its objective is to give guidance more generally as to the type of preventive measures that States might consider adopting in order to reduce the incidence of child abduction. The measures highlighted in this Part of the Guide may be of relevance to Contracting and non-Contracting States alike. This Guide does not attempt to impose uniformity on procedure or practice.

The Guide focuses on the types of preventive measures that may be implemented, rather than on the agencies or authorities which operate such measures. Although measures are diverse and will be implemented differently from State to State, the purpose of this Guide is to list procedures and practices which States might wish to consider implementing.



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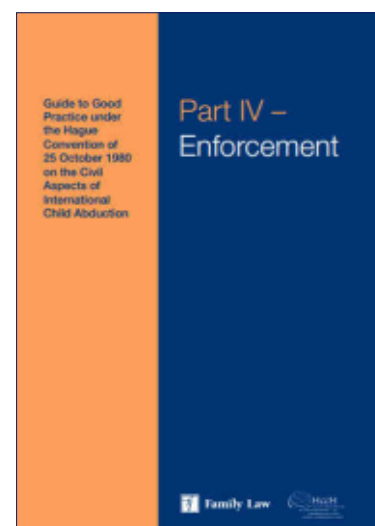


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Part IV – Enforcement




Part IV of the Guide to Good Practice is designed to assist Contracting States in implementing an efficient system to enforce Hague return orders in the best interests of the children concerned. Whilst it is acknowledged that this Part of the Guide to Good Practice is more technical and detailed in its approach to the subject-matter than previous Parts, it is considered that this reflects the complexity and diversity of the approaches adopted by States to the issue of enforcement. With this in mind it is hoped that, where possible, States will take measures to simplify their law and procedures in relation to enforcement in accordance with the principles set out in this Part.





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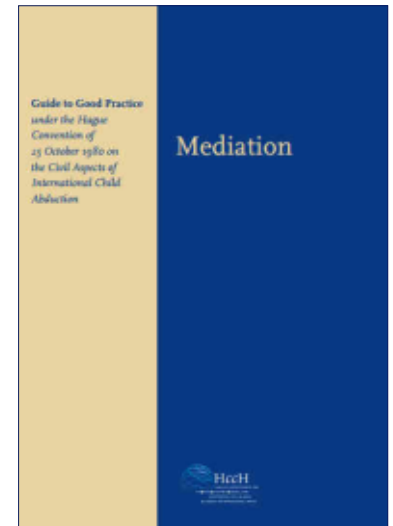
This Guide promotes good practices in mediation and other processes to bring about the agreed resolution of international family disputes concerning children which fall within the scope of the 1980 Child Abduction Convention.

Among the different means of amicable dispute resolution, this Guide primarily addresses 'mediation' as one of the most widely promoted methods of alternative dispute resolution in family law. This Guide, however, also refers to good practices with regard to other processes to facilitate agreed solutions, such as conciliation. A separate chapter is dedicated to these other methods and due consideration is given to their specific nature. However, some of the mediation good practices promoted in this Guide are applicable or adaptable to a number of these other processes.

While highlighting the particularities of amicable dispute resolution in the context of child abductions and disputes over access / contact under the 1980 Child Abduction Convention, this Guide outlines principles and good practices which, it is hoped, will be valuable in the use of mediation and similar processes in cross-border family disputes in general. As such, the Guide is meant to be of assistance to States Parties to the 1980 Convention, but also to States Parties to other HCCH Conventions that promote the use of mediation, conciliation or similar means to facilitate agreed solutions in international family disputes. In addition, this Guide is intended to assist States that are not Parties to these HCCH Conventions, but that are considering how best to develop effective structures to promote cross-border mediation in international family disputes. The Guide is addressed to governments and Central Authorities appointed under the 1980 Convention and under other relevant HCCH Conventions, as well as judges, lawyers, mediators, parties to cross-border family disputes and other interested individuals.

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Part VI – Article 13(1)(b)

This publication intends to provide guidance to judges, Central Authorities, attorneys and other practitioners working in the field of international family law and who are faced with the application of Article 13(1)(b) of the 1980 Child Abduction Convention. This provision sets out one of the exceptions to the prompt return of the child under the Convention. The increasing use in recent years of this defence in child abduction cases, and a growing concern amongst the expert community that an incorrect application of this provision would compromise the delicate balance struck by the Child Abduction Convention, prompted the Council on General Affairs and Policy, the governing body of the HCCH, to task the Permanent Bureau, with the assistance of a Working Group composed of a broad range of national experts, to develop a Guide to Good Practice on the interpretation and application of Article 13(1)(b) of the Convention.



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The Guide is intended to be of particular use to judges and Central Authorities appointed under the 1980 or 1996 Convention, as well as to governments engaged in the development of policies concerning transfrontier contact. It may also be of assistance to other professionals working in the area.

This Guide differs from the other Guides to Good Practice in two respects. First, it contains general principles as well as examples of good practice. Second, it relates to the 1996 Convention, as well as to the 1980 Convention.

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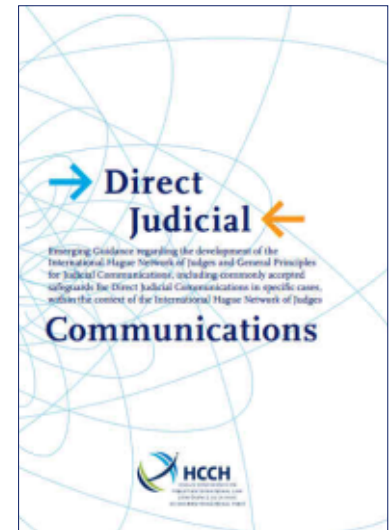
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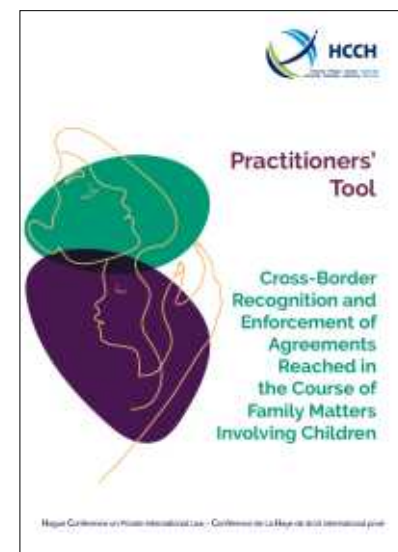


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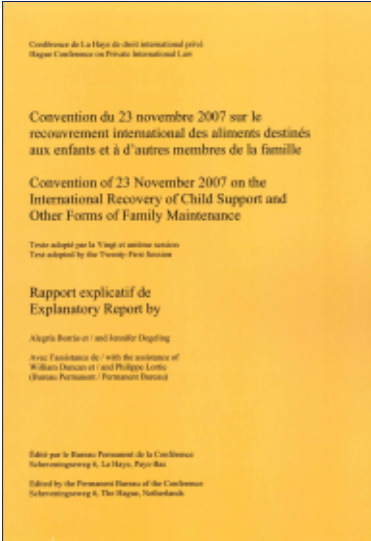
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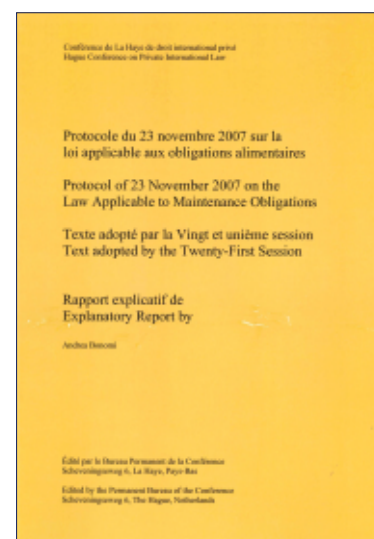
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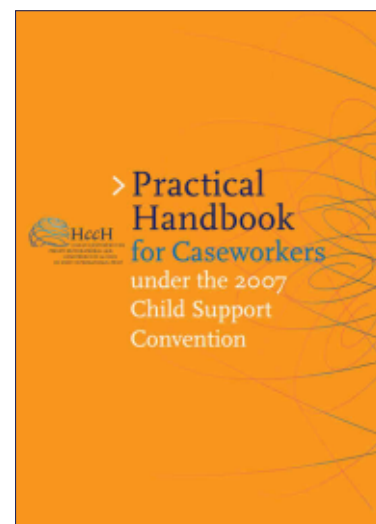
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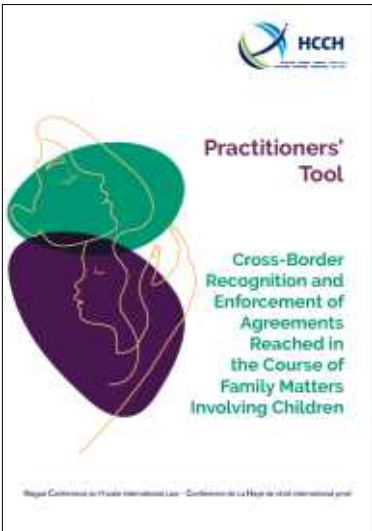
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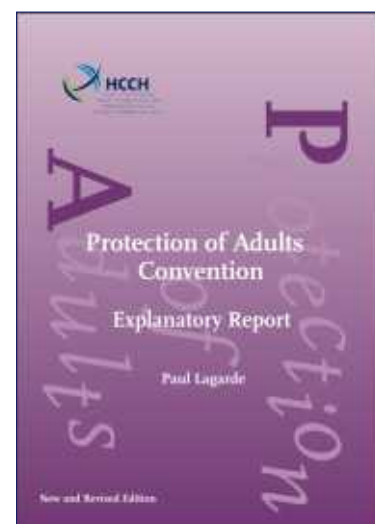
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This new and revised edition replaces the previous edition of the Explanatory Report (2003), including the one contained in the offprint of the *Proceedings of the Special Commission with a diplomatic character (1999), Protection of Adults*.



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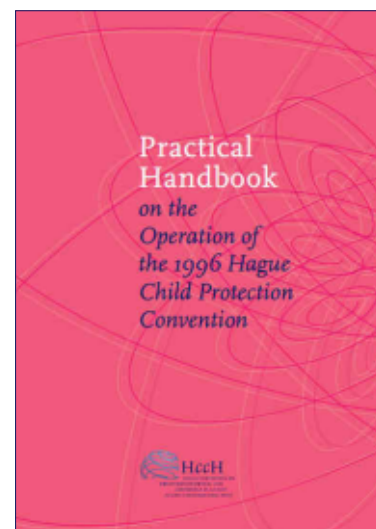
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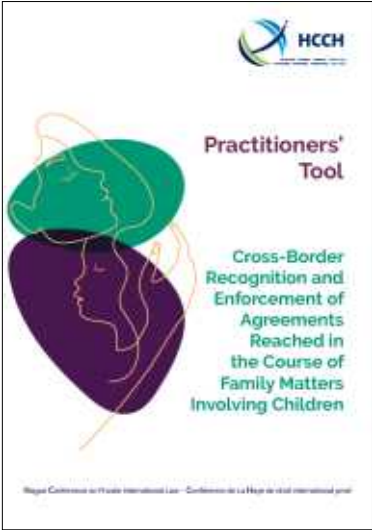


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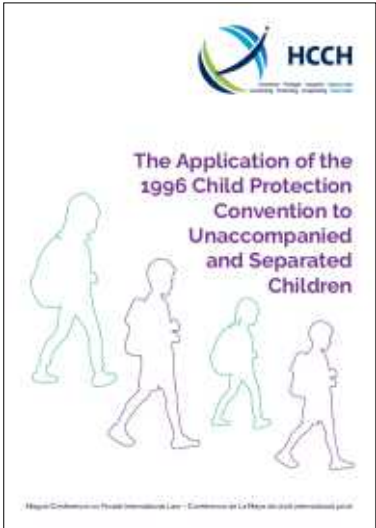
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

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

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

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Offprint.

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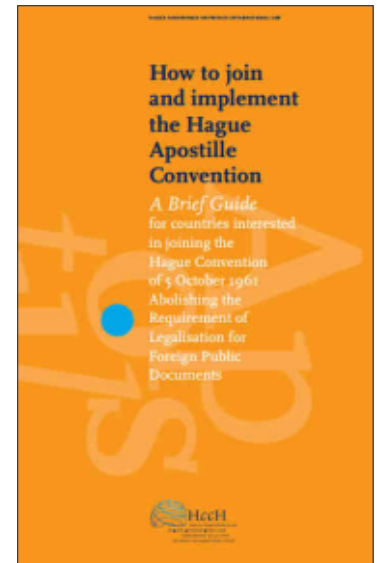
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Part I of the Guide identifies various matters that the State should consider, ideally before joining the Apostille Convention;

Part II of this Guide explains how Apostilles are issued; issuing Apostilles is the very essence of the Convention and thus a matter that States also need to carefully consider before joining;

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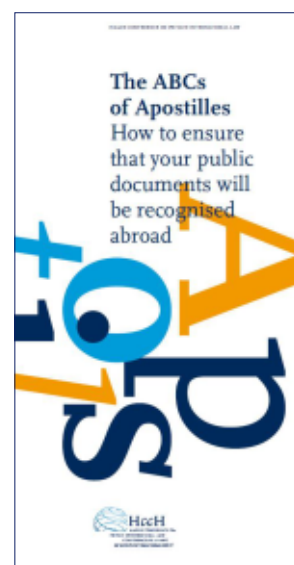
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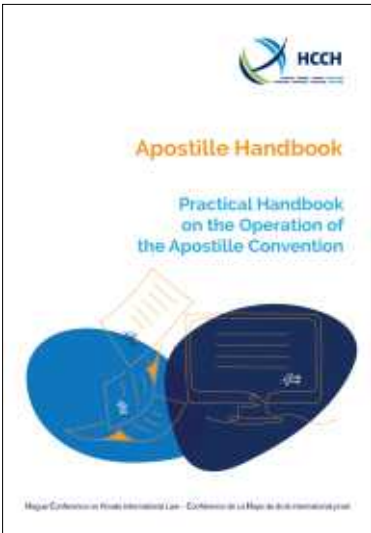
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This Handbook is designed to assist Competent Authorities in performing their functions under the Convention, which is fundamental to its sound operation. The Handbook is not designed to provide an article-by-article commentary on the text of the treaty, and is not meant to replace the Explanatory Report by Mr Yvon Loussouarn. At the same time, the Handbook is designed to address issues that arise in the contemporary operation of the Convention, which may not have been envisaged when the Explanatory Report was finalised in 1961. It also seeks to discuss common practical issues in greater depth.

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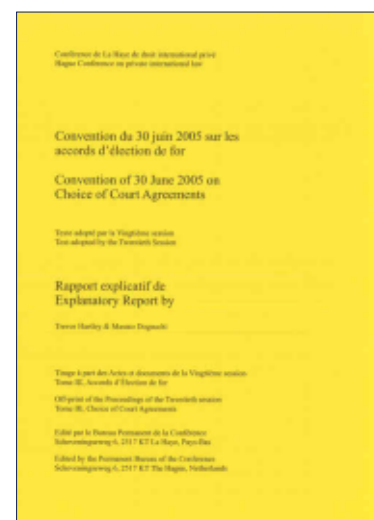
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The third edition of HCCH a|Bridged: Innovation in Cross-Border Litigation and Civil Procedure, which took place online on 1 December 2021, was organised under the auspices of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and with the generous support of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany.

The 2021 edition of HCCH a|Bridged was dedicated to the Convention of 30 June 2005 on *Choice of Court Agreements* ("2005 Choice of Court Convention"). With a view to increasing participation and interest in implementing the Convention in Latin America and the Caribbean, the event was hosted in the region, albeit virtually, with the support of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) Academy for Law, the American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Over 100 participants attended the event, which included representatives from National Organs of the HCCH, the diplomatic corps, practitioners, academics, and students from 39 countries, with a predominant majority from Latin America and Europe.

The event aimed to explore the role the 2005 Choice of Court Convention plays in the emerging and innovative litigation market and to discuss its benefits to States, businesses and practitioners. Drawing on the expertise of legal practitioners, the diplomatic community and academia, the event reached various conclusions with a set of takeaways regarding the operation and growing relevance of the Convention.

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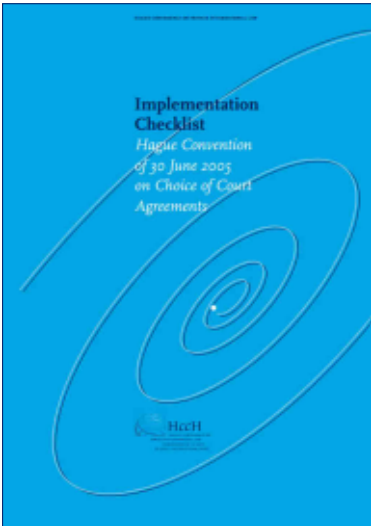
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Hague Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements

This document is addressed to States that are interested in becoming a Party to the *Convention of 30 June 2005 on Choice of Court Agreements*.

The purpose of the Checklist is to highlight issues which may need to be considered by a State when implementing the Convention. Some of these issues are common to all HCCH Conventions and may therefore be familiar to States that have already implemented other HCCH Conventions. Furthermore, the Checklist does not seek to prescribe the method by which the Convention is implemented internally, as this will differ for each State that becomes a Party. The issues highlighted in this Checklist are not exhaustive and there will undoubtedly be other issues particular to each State that require consideration.

As the Convention is open to Regional Economic Integration Organisations (“REIOs”), the Checklist may also be useful to REIOs that are interested in becoming a Party to the Convention. Specific information on the ratification or accession of REIOs is set out at Annex II.

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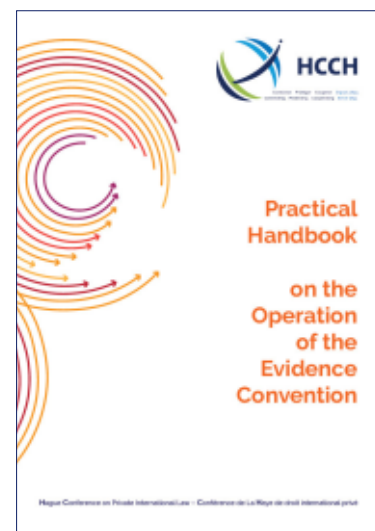
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The HCCH a|Bridged format ensured the event remained true to its name, being short and sharp. After a keynote speech entitled “50 years of the HCCH Evidence Convention – Facilitating cross-border proceedings”, the first panel discussed the question of “Effective Taking of Evidence under Chapter I of the Convention: A Requesting State's Perspective”. The second panel discussed challenges and opportunities as regards the “Taking of Evidence under Chapter II of the Convention”.

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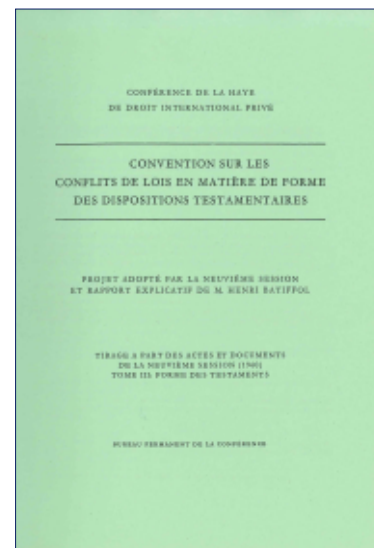
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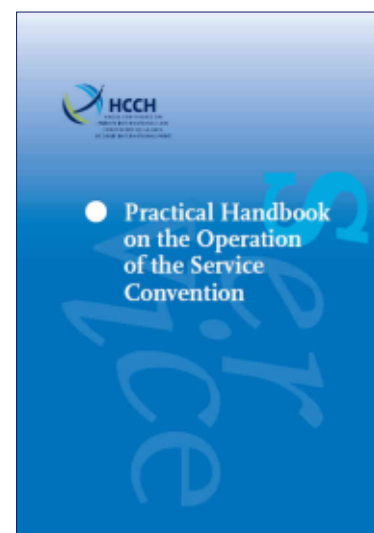
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Edition 2019 of HCCH a|Bridged was made possible with the generous support of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection of Germany, Ropes & Gray LLP and the AVEQ Group. Additional information on HCCH a|Bridged – Edition 2019, including videos of each of the sessions, is available on the dedicated page of the Service Section of the HCCH website.



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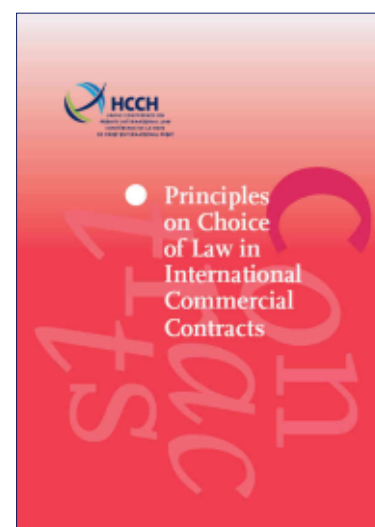
Choice of Law in Contracts

Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts

This publication of the Principles on Choice of Law in International Commercial Contracts (the "Principles") is the first normative soft-law instrument developed by the HCCH and approved on 19 March 2015.

In addition to the 12 articles of the Principles and their Preamble, this publication includes the Introduction to the Principles, which describes the general framework, nature, purpose, structure, and scope of the Principles. This publication also includes the article-by-article Commentary, an interpretative and explanatory tool for the better understanding of the Principles.

At their core, the Principles are designed to promote party autonomy in international commercial contracts. By acknowledging that parties to a contract may be best positioned to determine which set of legal norms is most suitable for their transaction, party autonomy enhances predictability and legal certainty – important conditions for effective cross-border trade and commerce. At the same time, the Hague Principles also set balanced boundaries to party autonomy and thus may provide a refinement of the concept where it is already accepted. In essence, the Principles may be considered to be an international code of current best practice in relation to party autonomy in international commercial contracts.



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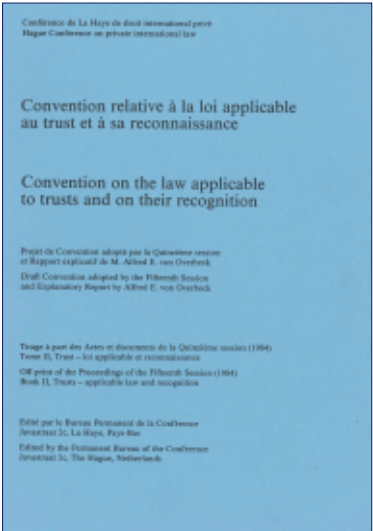
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For the past several decades the world has seen an explosion in the growth of tourism. Inevitably, the rate at which tourists and visitors will be dissatisfied with the goods and services they receive will also increase. International tourists and visitors may continue to face significant obstacles with respect to access to justice when a dispute arises between the tourist / visitor and the provider of a good or service. Some of the barriers faced by tourists and visitors in accessing justice may include: (1) limited ability to access legal aid, (2) costs associated with initiating court proceedings or securing a judgment, (3) a lack of information on the rights of tourists and visitors and the remedies available to them, (4) the requirement of physical presence to initiate, participate in, or conclude judicial or alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedures, (5) the absence of small claims courts or procedures that are suitable to international tourist disputes, (6) specificity of administrative or governmental bodies which facilitate the resolution of international tourist disputes, and (7) the limited cooperation mechanisms between national consumer protection bodies.

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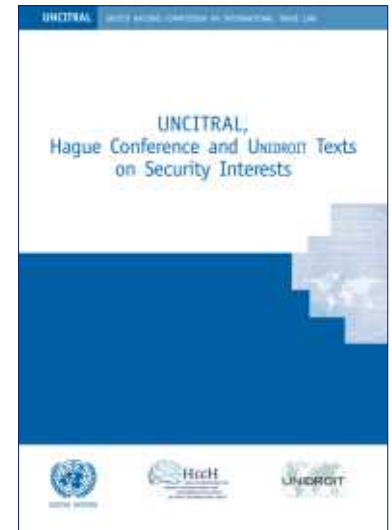
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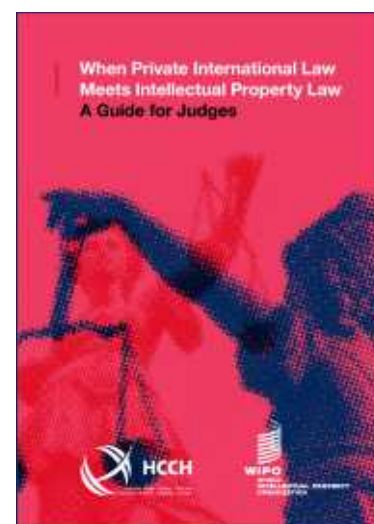
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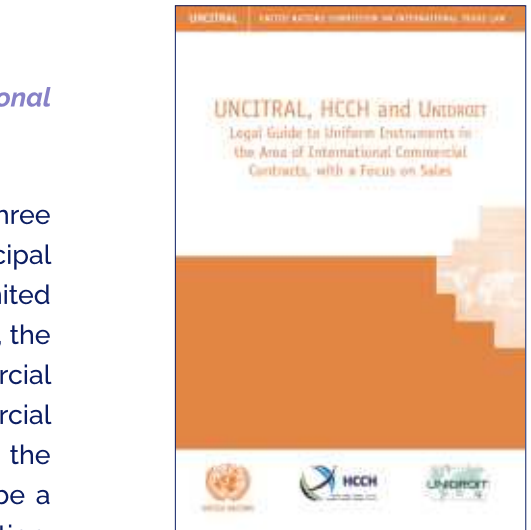


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