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## FOREWORD TO THE COUNTRY PROFILE

A Contracting State may use this Country Profile to fulfil its obligations to provide information to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law under the *Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance* (see Art. 57(2)).

The document is divided into two stages. Stage 1 includes information provided through a series of tick boxes and required under Articles 4(3), 6(3) and 57 of the Convention and other information that will be necessary for the implementation of the Convention. Stage 2 includes additional information, in narrative form, necessary for the implementation of the Convention and fulfilment of the requirements of Article 57.

The Country Profile is a standardised document that will be available to States to complete, view, and update electronically. The Country Profile is intended to facilitate:

- a) timely compliance with the obligations of the Convention with a minimum of administrative effort;
- b) information exchange between Contracting States;
- c) cost effective translation of the information provided by Contracting States into English, French, Spanish, and other languages as required by Contracting States;
- d) accurate and prompt case processing by well informed caseworkers;
- e) knowledgeable service to applicants under the Convention;
- f) prompt updates of the information provided.

This Country Profile is based on the final text of the *Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance* as agreed at the Twenty-First Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, to be referred to, for the purposes of this document, as "the Convention".

This Country Profile is designed to reflect an implementation of the Convention where no declarations or reservations in relation to the compulsory scope of the Convention have been made.<sup>1</sup> If States file declarations to expand the scope of the Convention to other family members, an expanded Country Profile will be available in the near future to provide the necessary information. Declarations and reservations to the Convention can be found on the Hague Conference website (< [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) >).

States are to prepare the Country Profile to provide information to other States. Where multiple answers to the questions are appropriate, States are encouraged to check all the tick boxes that apply. States made up of more than one territorial unit may choose to submit separate Country Profiles for each territorial unit.

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<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, maintenance obligations arising from a parent-child relationship towards a person under the age of 21 years; recognition and enforcement or enforcement of a decision for spousal support when the application is made with a claim within the scope of sub-paragraph a); and, with the exception of Chapters II and III, to spousal support.

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**States are encouraged to include Internet sites where that will provide additional relevant information. States should not provide an Internet site as a complete answer to any question.**

<b>I – DESIGNATED CENTRAL AUTHORITIES</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>CENTRAL AUTHORITY TO WHICH COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED</b> (Art. 4 of the Convention)
a.	Name:
b.	Address:
c.	Territorial or personal extent of functions, if applicable:
d.	Telephone:
e.	Fax:
f.	E-mail:
g.	Website:
h.	Contact person(s):
i.	Language(s):

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<b>2.</b>	<b>OTHER DESIGNATED CENTRAL AUTHORITY (IF APPLICABLE)</b> (Art. 4 of the Convention)
a.	Name:
b.	Address:
c.	Territorial or personal extent of functions, if applicable:
d.	Telephone:
e.	Fax:
f.	E-mail:
g.	Website:
h.	Contact person(s):
i.	Language(s):

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<b>3. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS</b> (Art. 44 of the Convention)	
a. Does [name of State] require that any application and related documents be accompanied by a translation? If so, in what language? <small>(Art. 44(1) of the Convention)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Into official language of [name of State]; <input type="checkbox"/> Into another language. Please specify.
b. Does [name of State] have more than one official language?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
c. If [name of State] has more than one official language in its territory and cannot, for reasons of internal law, accept for the whole of [name of State] documents in one of those languages, please specify the language in which documents or translations shall be drawn up for submission in the specified parts of its territory. <small>(Art. 44(2) of the Convention)</small>	
d. For other communications between Central Authorities, does [name of State] object to the use of either French or English? <small>(Arts 44(3) and 62 of the Convention)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Object to English; <input type="checkbox"/> Object to French.

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<b>4. FUNCTIONS OF CENTRAL AUTHORITIES</b> (Arts 5 and 6 of the Convention)	
a. Can the functions of the Central Authorities be performed by public bodies, or other bodies subject to the supervision of the competent authorities of [name of State]? <small>(Art. 6(3) of the Convention)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please complete question 4.b. below.
b. Designation and contact details of any such public bodies or other bodies and the extent of their functions. <small>(Art. 6(3) of the Convention)</small>	Name: Address:  Extent of functions: Telephone: Fax: E-mail: Website: Contact person(s):

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<p>c. How does [name of State] initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings in respect of applications under Chapter III?</p> <p>(Art. 6(1) <i>b</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has authority to initiate such proceedings;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority lacks authority to initiate such proceedings. It will refer the matter to the appropriate public body with authority to initiate such proceedings;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>d. Does [name of State] have an agreement with another Contracting State for the purpose of improving the application of the Convention between [name of State] and that other Contracting State?</p> <p>(Art. 51 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral agreement (please provide the title of the agreement and a link to a website for a copy of that agreement if available);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide the title of the agreement and a link to a website for a copy of that agreement if available).</p>

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<p><b>5. EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO PROCEDURES</b> (Art. 14 of the Convention)</p>	
<p>How does [name of State] provide applicants with effective access to procedures?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> [name of State] provides free legal assistance in accordance with Articles 14 to 17 (Art. 14(2)). Please see Stage 1, question I.6.a below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [name of State] has procedures that enable the applicant to make the case without the need for legal assistance and the Central Authority provides such services as are necessary free of charge (Art. 14(3)).</p>

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<p><b>6. SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES IN RELATION TO APPLICATIONS UNDER CHAPTER III</b> (Art. 6(2) of the Convention)</p>	
<p>a. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] provide or facilitate the provision of legal assistance in its jurisdiction?</p> <p>(Art. 6(2) <i>a</i>) of the Convention and for the definition of "legal assistance" see Art. 3 <i>c</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is not required in most cases. Administrative assistance is provided. Legal assistance is provided where required;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided in all proceedings, including appeals;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>



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	<p><u>Where legal assistance is required:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by lawyers employed by the Central Authority;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by lawyers employed in State legal assistance bodies;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by private lawyers and funded by the State;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain.</p>
<p>b. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] help locate a debtor or creditor resident in its territory? (Art. 6(2) <i>b</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority conducts a manual search, using the following publicly available directories:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone directory;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Electoral roll;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority conducts an automated search, using the following government databases:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social security database;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Taxation database;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Employment database;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation database;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers a locate request to an appropriate public body, which provides locate services. Please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers a locate request to a private entity, which provides locate services. Please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority searches population registry databases.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>c. As a requested State, how does the Central Authority in [name of State] help obtain within its territory relevant information concerning the income and if necessary other financial circumstances, including the location of assets, of resident debtors or creditors? (Art. 6(2) <i>c</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has access to the following information through available databases:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salaries;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other income;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tax information;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receipt of public assistance;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial institution records;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of motor vehicles;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Land and title registry;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moveable property registry;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to the appropriate public body that can obtain relevant financial and asset information. Please specify.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will contact the debtor or creditor and request that the individual provide information about his or her financial circumstances.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will exercise legal powers to require that information be provided by persons or bodies, where applicable.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>d. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] encourage amicable solutions with a view to obtaining voluntary payment of maintenance, where suitable by use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes? (Art. 6(2) d) of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes is mandatory in every recovery of maintenance case;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes is encouraged in every recovery of maintenance case;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes depends upon the facts of the case. Please specify;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> As a general rule, before introducing an enforcement procedure, an amicable solution is sought with the debtor, to whom the possibility to make voluntary payments is offered;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>e. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate the ongoing enforcement of maintenance decisions including any arrears? (Art. 6(2) e) of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has enforcement responsibility. Enforcement remedies are listed in Stage 1, question IV.4.a;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers an application requiring ongoing enforcement to the appropriate public body. Enforcement remedies are listed in Stage 1, question IV.4.a;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>f. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate the collection and expeditious transfer of maintenance payments? (Art. 6(2) f) of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>Collection of payments within the requested State</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is responsible for the collection of maintenance payments.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is not responsible for the collection of maintenance. It refers an application requiring ongoing collection to the appropriate public body.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is not responsible for the collection of maintenance payments. This collection is handled privately. Please indicate how these payments should be made.</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>Methods of collection</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments must be made to a central location;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made at local locations;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payment may be made by preauthorised withdrawal from a financial institution account;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by payroll deductions;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by cheque or warrant;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by credit card;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by electronic funds transfer;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made in cash;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><u>Transfer of payments to the requesting State</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority or public body is responsible for transferring maintenance payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be transferred by cheque;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be transferred by electronic funds transfer.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority, upon request from a Central Authority in the requesting State, will obtain and provide information from the appropriate public body concerning the transfer of maintenance payments.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>g. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence domestically? (Art. 6(2) <i>g</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law the Central Authority is responsible for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Issuing an administrative subpoena to obtain documentary or other evidence;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Referring the matter to the appropriate competent authority to obtain documentary or other evidence;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seeking the voluntary submission of documentary or other evidence;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>h. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence abroad? To which international instruments for the obtaining of documentary evidence or other evidence abroad is [name of State] a Contracting party?</p> <p>(Art. 6(2) <i>g</i>) of the Convention)</p> <p>Please consult the Hague Conference website for the contact details of the Central Authorities under the Hague Conventions.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The following international instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1970 Hague Evidence Convention;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1954 Hague Civil Procedure Convention;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where no international instrument is applied, [name of State] applies rules for the obtaining of evidence abroad under domestic law or under an instrument of a Regional Economic Integration Organisation.</p>
<p>i. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] provide assistance in establishing parentage where necessary for the recovery of maintenance?</p> <p>(Art. 6(2) <i>h</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will provide the following assistance, if necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Co-ordinate genetic testing;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a voluntary acknowledgment of parentage;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a legal determination of parentage through a judicial proceeding;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a legal determination of parentage through an administrative proceeding;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will refer an application, where the establishment of parentage is necessary for the recovery of maintenance, to the appropriate competent authority. Please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If [name of State] is a Contracting Party to the 1954 Hague Civil Procedure Convention or the 1970 Hague Evidence Convention or another international instrument, the Central Authority is able to provide advice on the appropriate procedures.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>j. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings to obtain any necessary provisional measures that are territorial in nature and the purpose of which is to secure the outcome of a pending maintenance application (<i>e.g.</i>, freezing or attaching an asset)?</p> <p>(Art. 6(2) <i>i</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has authority to initiate such proceedings;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority lacks authority to initiate such proceedings. It will refer the matter to the appropriate public body to initiate such proceedings;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Such provisional measures are not available under domestic law;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>

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<p>k. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate service of documents domestically? (Art. 6(2) <i>j</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law the Central Authority is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Service of documents;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forwarding the documents needing to be served to the appropriate public body;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forwarding the documents needing to be served to a private contractor;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law the Central Authority provides notification in lieu of service.</p>
<p>l. How does the Central Authority in [name of State] facilitate the service abroad of documents? To which International instruments on the service abroad of documents is [name of State] a Contracting Party? (Art. 6(2) <i>j</i>) of the Convention)</p> <p>Please consult the Hague Conference website for the contact details of the Central Authorities under the Hague Conventions.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The following international instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1965 Hague Service Convention;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1954 Hague Civil Procedure Convention;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where no international instrument is applied, [name of State] applies rules for the service abroad of documents under domestic law or under an instrument of a Regional Economic Integration Organisation.</p>

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<b>II – INFORMATION CONCERNING APPLICATIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION</b>	
<b>1. APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A DECISION</b> (Art. 10(1) <i>a</i> ) and 10(2) <i>a</i> ) of the Convention)	
<p>a. Has [name of State] made a reservation to a basis for recognition and enforcement under Article 20(1) <i>c</i>) and <i>f</i>) of the Convention? (Art. 20(1) <i>c</i>) and <i>f</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The creditor was habitually resident in the State of origin at the time proceedings were instituted;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The decision was made by an authority exercising jurisdiction on a matter of personal status or parental responsibility, unless that jurisdiction was based solely on the nationality of one of the parties.</li> </ul>

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<p>b. The following is information required by Articles 11 and 25 to be included in an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance decision made in another Contracting State.</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 25, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required);</li> </ul> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</li> </ul> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</li> </ul> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required).</li> </ul>
<p>c. According to Articles 11(3) and 25, the following documents are the only documents that a State can require for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance decision made in another Contracting State.</p> <p>(Arts 11(3) and 25 of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the decision or decisions;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A complete copy of the decision certified by the competent authority in the State of origin (Art. 25(3) a));</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An abstract or extract of the decision drawn up by the competent authority of the State of origin, in lieu of the complete text of the decision or decisions (Art. 25(3) b));</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document stating that the decision is enforceable in the State of origin (required);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision by an administrative authority, a document stating that the requirements of Article 19(3) are met unless that State has specified in accordance with Article 57 that decisions of its administrative authorities always meet those requirements;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> [name of the State] does not require a document stating that the requirements of Article 19(3) are met;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the respondent did not appear and was not represented in the proceedings in the State of origin, a document or documents attesting, as appropriate, either that the respondent had proper notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard, or that the respondent had proper notice of the decision and the opportunity to challenge or to appeal it on fact and law (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (required, where necessary);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (required, where necessary);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (required, where necessary);</li> </ul>
<p>d. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to recognise and enforce a decision? If so, please attach a copy, a website or both.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</li> </ul>
<p>e. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>f. Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance? (Art. 36 of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</li> </ul>

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<b>2. APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT</b> (Art. 30 of the Convention)	
a. Has [name of State] made a reservation in accordance with Article 62 reserving the right not to recognise and enforce a maintenance arrangement?  (Art. 30(8) of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
b. Has [name of State] made a declaration in accordance with Article 63 that applications for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement can only be made through Central Authorities?  (Art. 30(7) of the Convention).	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>c. The following is information required by Article 11 to be included in an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made in another Contracting State.</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention. (Arts 11, 30, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name(required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required); <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known); <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required); <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required).
d. According to Article 30(3) the following <u>documents</u> shall be provided with an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made in another Contracting State.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the maintenance arrangement (required). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document stating that the particular maintenance arrangement is enforceable as a decision in the State of origin (required).



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<p>e. In addition to the documents required under Article 30(3), what other documents should accompany an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made in another Contracting State? (Arts 11(3) and 25 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a maintenance arrangement providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>f. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to recognise or recognise and enforce a maintenance arrangement? If so, please attach a copy, a website link or both.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</p>
<p>g. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
<p>h. Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance? (Art. 36 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>

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<b>3. APPLICATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A DECISION MADE OR RECOGNISED IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 10(1) <i>b</i> ) of the Convention)	
<p>a. In addition to pre-checked application contents required by Article 11, what <u>information</u> does [name of State] need in order to process an application for enforcement of a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for</p>

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	<p>processing the application (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>b. Has [name of State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of State]?</p> <p>(Art. 11(1) g) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please consult the Hague Conference website.</p>
<p>c. In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the decision or decisions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete copy of the decision certified by the competent authority in the State of origin;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>d. Can [name of State] accept an application to enforce a decision for a prior period only?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
<p>e. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of State]? If so, please attach a copy.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</p>
<p>f. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>

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<p>g. Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance? If so, please specify.</p> <p>(Art. 36 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
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<p><b>4. APPLICATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF A MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENT MADE OR RECOGNISED IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Arts 30(2) and 10(1) <i>b</i>) of the Convention)</p>	
<p>a. In addition to pre-checked application contents required by Article 11, what <u>information</u> does [name of State] need in order to process an application for enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name(required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>

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	<p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>b. Has [name of State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of State]?</p> <p>(Art. 11(1) <i>g</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please consult the Hague Conference website.</p>
<p>c. In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the maintenance arrangement;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a maintenance arrangement providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>d. Can [name of State] accept an application to enforce a maintenance arrangement for a prior period only?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify</p>

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<p>e. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of State]? If so, please attach a copy, a website link or both.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</p>
<p>f. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
<p>g. Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance? If so, please specify.</p> <p>(Art. 36 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>

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<p><b>5. APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH A DECISION IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 10(1) <i>c</i>) and <i>d</i>) of the Convention)</p> <p>Add in the electronic version of the Profile something that will allow repeating the answers given in response to the questions under section II.5 to similar questions asked under section II.6 and II.7.</p>	
<p>a. In any action to establish maintenance, including Article 10(1) <i>c</i>) and <i>d</i>) applications, what are the jurisdictional bases in [name of State] for establishing a maintenance decision?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The debtor is habitually resident in [name of State] at the time proceedings are instituted;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The debtor submits to the jurisdiction either expressly or by defending on the merits of the case without objecting to the jurisdiction at the first available opportunity;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The creditor is habitually resident in [name of State] at the time proceedings are instituted;</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> The child for whom maintenance is sought is habitually resident in [name of State] at the time proceedings are instituted, provided that the debtor has lived with the child in [name of State] or has resided in [name of State] and provided maintenance for the child there; <input type="checkbox"/> The authority has jurisdiction on a matter of personal status or parental responsibility that is not based solely on the nationality of one of the parties; <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the creditor; <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the person for whom maintenance is sought; <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the debtor; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
<p>b. In any action to establish maintenance, including Article 10(1) c) and d) applications, could the law of another State apply for the establishment of a maintenance decision?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Hague Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1956 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>c. Is it possible to seek enforcement of a decision by indicating so in the application for establishment?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, another application is not needed if enforcement is requested in the application for establishment; <input type="checkbox"/> No, a separate application for enforcement is required.
<p>d. In addition to pre-checked application contents required by Article 11, what <u>information</u> does [name of State] need in order to process an application to establish a maintenance decision?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required); <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required); <input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known; <input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known; <input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the Social security number); <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.

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	<p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the debtor, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identification of parents;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amount of maintenance sought by the applicant;</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the creditor's representative, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Case history, please specify (<i>i.e.</i>, if there is an agreement between the parties or not);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Family history, please specify (<i>i.e.</i>, if the parties were married, how many children);</li> </ul>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> The date from which maintenance is requested; <input type="checkbox"/> The applicant's view of the appropriate amount of maintenance; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
<p>e. Has [name of State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to establish a maintenance decision in [name of State]? (Art. 11(1) g) of the Convention)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please consult the Hague Conference website.
<p>f. In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to establish a maintenance decision? Please specify if certification is required for copies. (Art. 11(3) of the Convention)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of birth (birth certificate). <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence supporting an obligation to provide maintenance: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please see Stage 1, question II.5.i. <input type="checkbox"/> Financial statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor; <input type="checkbox"/> Child; <input type="checkbox"/> Person having care of the child. <input type="checkbox"/> Documents supporting the financial statement above (e.g., salary statement, income tax declaration, health insurance invoice); please specify. <input type="checkbox"/> Child who has not reached the age of majority: <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of attendance at secondary or post-secondary educational institution; <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of disability; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify. <input type="checkbox"/> Child who has reached the age of majority: <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of attendance at secondary or post-secondary educational institution; <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of disability; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify. <input type="checkbox"/> Any existing maintenance decisions or written agreements between the parties, or relating to any person for whom maintenance is sought; <input type="checkbox"/> Decision of the requested State to refuse recognition and enforcement (where applicable); <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.

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<p>g. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
<p>h. Is there a time limit before which an applicant must seek a decision establishing a maintenance obligation? If so, please indicate the time limit that applies.</p> <p>** It is important to note that a law other than the law of the requested State may be applicable.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Before ____ years after the parents separate. Please specify number of years;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Before expiration of the normal duration of support (see Stage 1, question III.1.g);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>i. Is it necessary for an applicant to prove that an obligation to provide maintenance exists when an application is made to establish a maintenance decision?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>
<p>j. If so, by what means can an applicant prove that an obligation to provide maintenance exists?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a marriage certificate showing that the debtor was married to a parent of the child when the child was born;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a civil union certificate showing that the debtor was in a civil union with a parent of the child when the child was born;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor was living with the parent of the child when the child was born;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a marriage certificate showing that the debtor was married to a parent of the child when the child was conceived;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a civil union certificate showing that the debtor was in a civil union with a parent of the child when the child was conceived;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor was living with a parent of the child when the child was conceived;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor is a parent of the child;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a birth certificate showing that the debtor is listed as a parent of the child;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of an entry in a birth registry showing that the debtor is listed as a parent of the child;</p>

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a writing in which the alleged debtor has acknowledged parentage; <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of an adoption certificate stating that the debtor has legally adopted the child; <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of genetic test results that indicate a high probability that the debtor is a parent of the child; <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that for the first two years of the child's life, the debtor resided in the same household with the child and openly held the child out as the party's own; <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a decision in which a competent authority has established parentage; <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the applicant has care and control of the child; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
<p>k. Is there any time limit for establishing parentage or an obligation to provide maintenance? If so, please indicate the time limit that applies.</p> <p>** It is important to note that a law other than the law of the requested State may be applicable.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Before expiration of the normal duration of support (see Stage 1, question III.1.g);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child is aged 2;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child is aged 5;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>l. What costs arise in [name of State] for the applicant when obtaining a maintenance decision, including appeal procedures? Please include all costs arising in practice (e.g., court costs, fees for an administrative authority, costs for experts, legal costs).</p>	
<p>m. Can the applicant claim reimbursement from the debtor of expenses incurred (e.g., for a lawyer)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
<p>n. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to establish a maintenance decision? If so, please attach a copy, a link to a website or both.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference; <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.

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<p>o. Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance? If so, please specify.</p> <p>(Art. 36 of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
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<p><b>6. APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY A MAINTENANCE DECISION MADE IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 10(1) e) and 10(2) b) of the Convention)</p>	
<p>a. In any action to modify a maintenance decision, under Article 10(1) e) and 10(2) b) applications, could the law of another State apply for the modification of maintenance decisions? Please check all that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Hague Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1956 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>b. In addition to pre-checked application contents required by Article 11, what <u>information</u> does [name of State] need in order to process an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p>

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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Modified amount of maintenance sought by the applicant;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>c. Has [name of State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to modify a maintenance decision in [name of State]?</p> <p>(Art. 11(1) <i>g</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please consult the Hague Conference website.</p>

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<p>d. In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete text of the decision or decisions;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Special expense claim;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salary statement establishing a change in income;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written agreement between the parties related to modification of the maintenance;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Information identifying the decision to be modified;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Latest income tax declaration of the applicant, if possible;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>e. In what circumstances can an application be made for modification of a maintenance decision made in [name of State]?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the child have changed so as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the debtor have changed so as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the creditor have changed so as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the person having care of the child have changed so as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The care arrangements for the child have changed so as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The cost of living has changed to such an extent as to justify the modification;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the decision was made by consent, the amount ordered to be paid is no longer appropriate or adequate;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>f. Can the modification be made retroactively? If so, please specify the basis and any limitations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify the basis and any limitations.</li> </ul>
<p>g. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</li> </ul>

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<p>h. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of State]? If so, please attach a copy or link to a website or both.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</p>
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<p><b>7. APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY A MAINTENANCE DECISION MADE IN A STATE OTHER THAN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 10(1) <i>f</i>) and 10(2) <i>c</i>) of the Convention)</p>	
<p>a. In any action to modify a maintenance decision, under Article 10(1) <i>f</i>) and 10(2) <i>c</i>) applications, could the law of another State apply for the modification of a maintenance decision? Please check all that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 Hague Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1956 Hague Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>b. In addition to application contents required by Article 11, what <u>information</u> does [name of State] need in order to process an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention.</p> <p>(Arts 11, 38, 39 and 40 of the Convention)</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p>

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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent, as appropriate, and to the extent known;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Modified amount of maintenance sought by the applicant;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>c. Has [name of State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of State]?</p> <p>(Art. 11(1) <i>g</i>) of the Convention)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please consult the Hague Conference website.</p>



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<p>d. In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete text of the decision or decisions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special expense claim;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salary statement establishing a change in income;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Written agreement between the parties related to modification of the maintenance;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Latest income tax declaration of the applicant, if possible;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</p>
<p>e. Are the circumstances in which a maintenance decision made by another State can be modified in [name of State] the same as the circumstances in which a decision made by [name of State] can be modified?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No. Please specify the difference.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes. See reply to question II.4.e. above.</p>
<p>f. Does [name of State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of State]? If so, please attach a copy or link to a website or both.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard recommended form published by the Hague Conference;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is attached or available through a linked website (please provide) or both.</p>
<p>g. Can [name of State] accept an application and related documents transmitted by electronic means?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.</p>
<p>h. Can the modification be made retroactively? If so, please specify the basis and any limitations.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify the basis and any limitations.</p>
<p>i. If the State of origin modifies a maintenance decision after [name of State] have recognised it, can [name of State] recognise the modification? If so, please specify any limitations and outline the key steps or requirements.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify key steps or requirements and any limitations.</p>

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<b>8. EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO PROCEDURES</b> (Art. 14 of the Convention)	
<p>How does [name of State] provide applicants with effective access to procedures?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> [name of State] provides free legal assistance in accordance with Articles 14 to 17 (Art. 14(2)). Please see Question I.6.a. above;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> [name of State] has procedures that enable the applicant to make the case without the need for legal assistance and the Central Authority provides such services as are necessary free of charge (Art. 14(3)):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is the competent authority and provides all necessary services with respect to the application;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority initiates proceedings by submitting the application to the competent authority and provides all necessary services with respect to the application;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to a public body for submission to the competent authority. The public body provides all necessary services with respect to the application;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to another body subject to the supervision of the competent authority. This body provides all necessary services with respect to the application;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>III - INFORMATION AS TO THE LAWS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS IN [NAME OF STATE]</b>	
<b>1. MAINTENANCE OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF A CHILD</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
<p>a. What legislation applies to child maintenance obligations in [name of State]? Provide a link to a website if possible.</p>	
<p>b. Who is eligible to benefit from child maintenance?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> For any child regardless of status;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child born in wedlock;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child born out of wedlock:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledged by the father;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not yet acknowledged by the father;</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted child;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any child for whom a person stands in place of a parent (<i>in loco parentis</i>);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>

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c. Who is the creditor in a child maintenance matter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Child; <input type="checkbox"/> Custodial parent or other person responsible for the child; <input type="checkbox"/> Public bodies; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
d. What can be included in a child maintenance decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Periodic payments for child maintenance; <input type="checkbox"/> Lump sum payments; <input type="checkbox"/> Child care expenses; <input type="checkbox"/> Extra-curricular activities; <input type="checkbox"/> Dental or medical expenses; <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney's fees; <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary expenses, please specify; <input type="checkbox"/> Costs of the competent authority, please specify; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
e. Can a child maintenance decision be subject to automatic adjustment? If so, by what mechanism and with what frequency?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please list the mechanisms and frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> By indexation; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
f. Can a child maintenance decision be made retroactively? If so, what is the earliest date from which a decision can apply? Please specify any limitations.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Child's date of birth; <input type="checkbox"/> Date that proceedings are initiated; <input type="checkbox"/> Date of separation; <input type="checkbox"/> Date of the suspension of voluntary payments; <input type="checkbox"/> A certain amount of time from the initiation of the proceedings, please specify; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify. <input type="checkbox"/> Any limitation, please specify.
g. Until what age can a child maintenance obligation be established? Please provide a citation to the laws of [name of State]. (Art. 32(4) of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Until 18 years of age; <input type="checkbox"/> Until 19 years of age; <input type="checkbox"/> Until 21 years of age; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
h. In what circumstances can child maintenance end before the normal duration? (Art. 32(4) of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> The child emancipates before the normal duration; <input type="checkbox"/> The child is no longer under the care of the creditor and there is no decision re-directing payments to someone else; <input type="checkbox"/> The child marries; <input type="checkbox"/> The child is adopted by someone other than the debtor;

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	<input type="checkbox"/> The child has been removed from the family and is a civil ward of the State; <input type="checkbox"/> The maintenance decision states that child maintenance ceases prior to the normal duration; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
<p>i. Can child maintenance extend beyond the normal duration? If so, in what circumstances? (Art. 32(4) of the Convention)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To enable the child to complete secondary education;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> To enable a child to complete post secondary education;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If a child is past the normal duration and under the parent's charge but unable, by reason of illness, disability or other cause, to withdraw from that charge or to obtain the necessities of life;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
<p>j. Must other proceedings be initiated or finalised before a child maintenance decision can be made in [name of State]?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify: <u>If parties are married:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Divorce proceedings must be initiated;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Divorce proceedings must be finalised;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spousal property proceedings must be initiated;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spousal property proceedings must be finalised.</li> </ul> <u>If parties are / were married:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child custody proceedings must be initiated;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child custody proceedings must be finalised.</li> </ul> <u>If child was born outside of marriage:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parentage proceedings must be initiated;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parentage proceedings must be finalised.</li> </ul>

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<b>2. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE DECISIONS AND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN [NAME OF STATE] (Art. 57 of the Convention)</b>	
a. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to recognise and enforce maintenance decisions? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority.
b. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to enforce maintenance decisions? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority.
c. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to establish maintenance decisions? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority. <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions of this administrative authority always meet the requirements of Article 19(3).
d. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to modify maintenance decisions? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority. <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions of this administrative authority always meet the requirements of Article 19(3).
e. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to recognise and enforce maintenance arrangements? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority.
f. Which authority in [name of State] is competent to enforce maintenance arrangements? (Art. 57 of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.

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<b>3. INFORMATION REGARDING SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING BENEFITS IN PLACE OF MAINTENANCE</b> (Art. 36 of the Convention)	
Does [name of State] have any public bodies that act in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or any public bodies to which reimbursement may be owed for benefits provided to the creditor in place of maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please give a brief outline of the system.

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<b>IV – INFORMATION CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES IN [NAME OF STATE]</b>	
<b>1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ENFORCEMENT IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 57(1) <i>d</i> ) of the Convention)	
a. Is there a time limitation for enforcement of maintenance? (Art. 57(1) <i>d</i> ) of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
b. Are there other limitations to enforcement?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
c. Can a debtor claim forfeiture of a maintenance claim due to the inaction of the creditor?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
d. Is a ranking applied to creditors where there are several maintenance obligations from different previous relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.
e. Is a proportional distribution applied to creditors where there are several maintenance obligations from different previous relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.

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<b>2. DEBTOR PROTECTION RULES</b> (Art. 57(1) <i>d</i> ) of the Convention)	
Please specify any debtor protection rules that apply to the recovery of maintenance in [name of State].	

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<b>3. OVERVIEW OF ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 57(1) <i>d</i> ) of the Convention)	
Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] enforces a decision in its territory. Please include time frames.	

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<b>4. MEASURES AVAILABLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE DECISIONS</b> (Art. 34 of the Convention)	
<p>What methods are available in [name of State] for the enforcement of maintenance decisions? (Art. 34 of the Convention)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provisional measures;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wage withholding;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment or attachment from bank accounts and other sources;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seizure and sale of assets;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deductions from social security payments;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lien on or forced sale of property;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Withholding or attachment of tax refund;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Withholding or attachment of pension benefits;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seizure of lump sum payments;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Credit bureau reporting;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Denial, suspension or revocation of various licenses (for example, passport, driving licenses);</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hearing regarding a default in payment;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prohibition of a debtor from leaving [name of State];</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seizure of lottery or gambling winnings;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Criminal prosecution on account of failure to comply with duty to pay maintenance;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation or similar processes to bring about voluntary compliance;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>

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<b>V – OTHER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>1. PAYMENT INFORMATION (WHERE PAYMENTS SHOULD BE SENT)</b> (Art. 11(1) <i>f</i> ) of the Convention)	
a. When [name of State] is the requesting State, where should maintenance payments be sent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Directly to the creditor; <input type="checkbox"/> To the creditor's representative; <input type="checkbox"/> To the Central Authority; <input type="checkbox"/> To a centralised location other than the Central Authority; <input type="checkbox"/> To another authority; <input type="checkbox"/> If multiple options apply, please specify.
b. When [name of State] is the requesting State and receives maintenance payments at a centralised location or at a different address from the Central Authority, please provide the following information.	Name:  Address:  Telephone: Fax: E-mail: Website: Contact person(s):  Name and address of the bank:
c. When [name of State] is the requesting State, in what form can maintenance payments be received in that State? Please check all that apply. If the answer depends upon who is receiving the payment, please also check "Other" and specify.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash; <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or warrant; <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic funds transfer. Please provide details; <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
d. When [name of State] is the requested State, in what form can maintenance payments be made in that State? Please check all that apply. If the answer depends upon who is receiving the payment, please also check "Other" and specify.	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash; <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or warrant; <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic funds transfer. Please provide details; <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll deductions; <input type="checkbox"/> Preauthorised withdrawal from a financial institution account; <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.



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<p>e. What actions does [name of State] take to reduce the costs and fees associated with international payment processing?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All payments are processed through a designated authority.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All payments are processed upon receipt.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments under a certain amount are not processed. Please specify the minimum amount processed and currency using the ISO code.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments under a certain amount are collected, banked and combined into one payment sent at intervals agreed with the creditor. Please specify the amount and currency using the ISO code.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.</li> </ul>
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**STAGE 2**

<b>I – GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS THAT OCCURS WHEN MAKING AN APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONVENTION</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
<p>a. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receives an application to recognise or to recognise and enforce a <u>maintenance decision</u> made in a Contracting State. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing, the steps that occur, and what happens if recognition is contested. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
<p>b. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receives an application to recognise or to recognise and enforce a <u>maintenance arrangement</u> made in a Contracting State. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing, the steps that occur, and what happens if recognition is contested. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
<p>c. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receives an application to enforce a <u>maintenance decision</u> made or recognised in [name of State]. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing and the steps that occur, and what happens if enforcement is contested. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	

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<p>d. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receives an application to enforce a <u>maintenance arrangement</u> made or recognised in [name of State]. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing and the steps that occur, and what happens if enforcement is contested. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
<p>e. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when an application to establish a decision is received in [name of State]. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing, and the steps that occur. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
<p>f. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receive an application to modify a <u>maintenance decision made in [name of State]</u>. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing, and the steps that occur. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
<p>g. Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of State] receives an application to modify a <u>maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of State]</u>. Please indicate which authority receives the application, where the application is sent for processing, and the steps that occur. The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in working the case. Please include time frames.</p>	

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<b>2. METHODS OF CALCULATING MAINTENANCE IN [NAME OF STATE]</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
a. Is the assessment of maintenance based on a formula, guidelines, or other criteria? Please outline the principal elements involved in making an assessment.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please outline the principal elements.
b. What legislation applies to the assessment of maintenance? Provide a link to a website if possible.	

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<b>3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PARENTAGE</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
a. What legislation applies to the establishment of parentage in the context of maintenance proceedings? Provide a link to a website if possible.	
b. What are the legal methods for establishing parentage in the context of maintenance proceedings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by presumption; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by acknowledgement; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by judicial decision; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by administrative decision; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
c. Please provide a short overview of how the above method(s) for establishing parentage are applied in the context of maintenance proceedings.	
d. Please describe the scientific or medical methods ( <i>e.g.</i> , DNA testing) used for establishing parentage, including requirements and restrictions, and how they apply in the context of maintenance proceedings.	
e. Please indicate the costs that typically would be involved in the establishment of parentage in [name of State], who would bear these costs, whether the costs are capable of being covered by legal assistance, and whether any distinction is made between residents and non-residents in these matters.	

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<b>4. FOLLOWING RECOGNITION OF A DECISION BY ANOTHER STATE</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
a. Following recognition of the maintenance decision in the other State, does [name of State] require notification of the recognition?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
b. Does the recognition in the other State affect the status of the original decision in [name of State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify.

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<b>5. DIRECT REQUESTS TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (WHERE AVAILABLE)</b> (Art. 37 of the Convention)	
a. Please provide a short overview of how direct requests are handled in [name of State].	
b. Please provide information about the competent authorities in [name of State] to which direct requests should be addressed.	
c. Please provide other relevant information regarding direct requests in [name of State].	

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<b>6. OTHER INFORMATION</b> (Art. 57 of the Convention)	
a. Please describe, in the form of a flow chart, the process followed for establishment in [name of State].	
b. Are there any limitations on the period for which arrears may be enforced? Please provide the limitation period and the citation to the laws of [name of State]. (Art. 32(5) of the Convention)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please provide limitation period and the citation to the laws of [name of State].
c. What happens when the debtor pays a monthly amount, but this amount does not cover the current maintenance as well as the arrears? How is it determined which debt is paid first and who makes such a decision?	
d. When there are multiple garnishments / withholdings against the income of a debtor, does child maintenance have priority over the other debts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in certain circumstances. Please explain; <input type="checkbox"/> No, please specify order of priority.
e. Is it possible to collect interest on arrears in [name of State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes.
f. When it is possible to collect interest on arrears in [name of State], are there limitations?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify any limitations.
g. What happens with a maintenance claim under [name of State] insolvency laws? ( <i>e.g.</i> , does it make a difference whether there is a decision for maintenance?)	
h. What are the procedures when a debtor leaves [name of State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify original requesting State; <input type="checkbox"/> End the proceedings; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify.
i. Please provide a short overview of the process that occurs when the creditor or the debtor wants to appeal a decision in [name of State].	

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