

NAME OF THE COUNTRY OR ORGANIZACIÓN: MÉXICO

## A. EXPLANATIONS AND QUESTIONS

If a question does not apply to your country, answer "do not apply" please.

### 1. Description

(a) Is your country a receiving country or a origin State? If it is both at the same time, please distinguish clearly the replies that correspond to each one of these roles.

**Commonly, Mexico is an origin country and in some cases is a receiving one.**

(b) If your country is not a member State yet, please mention if it is being considered to be part of the Convention.

(c) ¿Was your country represented in the 2000 Special Commission? Were the derived conclusions and recommendations of this meeting discussed or implemented by the outstanding authorities in your country?

**Do not apply**

### 2. Good Practice

The Permanent Office has begun working in a Good practice guide on the Convention 's Implementation. A specialized consultative group met up on September 2004 to implement recommendations to the Permanent Office about this project. It has been told in advance that a rough draft of this guide will be distributed in Spanish, French and English, to all the contracting party States in June 2002, for being discussed in the Special Commission.

(a) Relating to any respect of intercountry adoption, What example of good practice could you report, (i) of your own country, (i) of other country?

**Thanks to the participation of the Convention member States big ties have become closer , favoring the culture of adoption of boys and girls older than 4 years , when they had less possibilities of adopted because of their age.**

(b) Specify please what topics would you like to suggest for future chapters in the Good practice guide ( just apart from the "Implementation", "Central authority practice" and possibly "Accreditation").

**The post adoptive following of girls , boys and teenagers...**

(b) ¿Have you experienced any kind of serious difficulty (i) in your own country (i) in another country, related to the Convention implementation, such as the absence of a appropriate legislation, absence of educated personnel or financing problems?.

**To receive the adecuated information in relation to the new countries in the Haya Convention.**

(d) If your country signed the Convention but if it has not yet ratified it, indicate please if your country will require assistance for the Convention implementation by the Permanent Office or by other countries. What kind of assistance do you need?.

Do not apply

### **3. Questions related to the Convention extent**

Specify please any difficulty that you have experienced when establishing if certain situations are contemplated or not in the Convention.

Particularly, it has been difficulties to determine if:

(a) a boy was or not an habitual resident in the origin country.

**Do not apply**

(b) a possible adopter was or not habitual resident in the receiving country (for example, in case of a temporary resident or a short-term resident)

Do not apply

(c) The child movement was or not “with the purpose of an adoption” in the receiving country (for example, when a child is initially moved to the receiving country by a limited time or for receiving substitute cares and then is considered for the adoption).

**In Mexico the girls , boys or teenagers could be moved to the receiving country only when the adoption has already been concluded.**

### **4. General Principles for children protection**

(a) Which are the different kinds of cares available for a child with the need of attention and protection in his country?

**In the National System for Integral Family Development , the integral help is provided to all the girls, boys and teenagers that are in the National Centers, this help lies in : Medical , psychological, pedagogical , social work and legal attention, the bio-psycho-social aspect of a child is cared over.**

(b) Specify please the procedures and the established measures to guarantee that the proper consideration will be given to all the possibilities of children adoption inside his origin country, before the process on international adoption will be considered ( principle of subsidiarity – check the article 4 b and the Preface, paragraphs 1-3)

**The national centers and the care, investigation and training modules have an interdisciplinary group of professionals in the psychological , medical and legal areas that have meetings regularly to exhaust tall the possibilities so the girls ,boys and teenagers could been adopted in their origin country.**

(c) ¿Which are your procedures for establishing that a child is to be adopted?

**The interdisciplinary technical group establishes, based on their bio-psycho-social development, if the girl, boy or teenager is able to be assigned in adoption, joined to that they must have their legal situation already regularized.**

(d) What procedures are established to secure that the consent for an adoption is given in accordance with the Article 4 c) and d) of the Convention?

**The consent by the mother, the National Center Director, the training and attention module or the one that the law authorize to give the consent, must be written and must be ratified to the court in charge of the adoption.**

(e) Do you use the Model Form for the "Consent Declaration for an adoption" ? See - [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) - "Intercountry Adoption", "Documents for the practical operation", "Annex B for the October 1994 Special Commission Report"

(f) Have you applied the "Recommendation related to the application for the refugees and internationally displaced children of the Haya Convention on Protection of children and co-operation in respect of intercountry adoption?. See Annex A for the October 1994 Special Commission Report.

Do not apply

(g) Which are the eligibility and convenience criteria of the prospects for being adoptive parents evaluated in your country (see Article 5)?

**The future adoptive parents should fulfill the next respects:**

- ❖ **Delivery and receipt of the paperwork application form and prior fulfillment of the established requirements.**
- ❖ **Social and psychological evaluations.**
- ❖ **Approved or not Approved Resolution of of the application form and the notification to the applicant.**
- ❖ **If they are approved you must fulfill the next respects:**
  - ❖ **Entry to the waiting list.**
  - ❖ **Assist to the adoptive parent school in case of foundling homes.**
  - ❖ **Assignment of the girl or boy.**
  - ❖ **Social and Psychological evaluation of updatings.**
  - ❖ **Documentary presentation of the girl or boy to the applicant (s).**
  - ❖ **Physical presentation of the girl or boy applicant (s) (in case of accepting)**
  - ❖ **Intra and Extra institutional living together.**
  - ❖ **Living together report.**
  - ❖ **Legal adoption procedure.**
  - ❖ **Registration in the Registry Office ( if the sentence pass the adoption)**
  - ❖ **Final Delivery-Receipt of the girl or boy to the parents.**
  - ❖ **Following of the girl or boy that now is familiarly integrated.**

**The latest term to pronounce the approved or not approved of the adoption resolution will be a 3 month term, informing them in the following 10 court days after the date of the request reception. .**

- (h) What kind of consultancy (education or training) is given to the possible adoptive parents for preparing them to face the international adoption.

**The psychological, medical social work, pedagogical and legal areas provide all the time the consultancy for the adoptive parents.**

- (i) Please specify also the measures and/or procedures prepared to guarantee the fulfillment of the training and consultancy requirements of the adoptive parents, in accordance with the Article 5 b)?

**The applicants file of intercountry adoption is reviewed firstly by the legal area, to verify the documents authenticity and that they fulfill the stipulated points.**

**Secondly, it is sent to the Centro Nacional Modelo de Atención Investigación y Capacitación (Model National Center of Attention, Investigation and Training) , for its psychological and social revaluation to pronounce un predictamen de procedencia e improcedencia of the adoption application form para culminar en el Consejo Técnico de Adopciones, órgano colegiado que confirma o modifica el predictamen.**

- (j) Specify please any kind of subsequent service to the adoption that you take in account in your country (See article 9c).

**The post adoptive work following is coordinated with the Central Authorities or with the Consular Authorities.**

## **5. Central Authorities**

- (a) Specify please any of the established functions on Chapter IV of the Convention that are done by the central authorities in your country.

**One of the main functions is the drawing up of the adoptability report, which must contain the information in a clearly way of all the bio-psycho-social aspects of the girl, boy or teenager, without omitting any information related , because of the importance to make the future adoptive parents know the needs required by the children.**

- (b) Specify please the number of the personnel hired by the central authority in your country in charge of the intercountry adoptions, their experience and capacity, as well as the kind of training that they have received. (In case that the personnel in charge of the intercountry adoptions carry out at the same time another functions, count them in proportion to the time that they devote to the international adoptions, for example, if a person if a person devotes 50% of the time working on international adoptions and the other 50% in other activities, count them as a 0.5 of a person)

**150 persons**

- (c) Which procedures are carried out for guarantee the continuation of the more experienced personnel and the training of the new personnel.

**We carry out courses, workshops, worktables on the subject of adoption, as well as the information exchange of the Central Authorities.**

(d) Have you ever experienced any problem related to the establishment or the functioning of the central authority, such as resources or financing?

**No**

(e) Please, provide any detail of any kind of difficulty that you have experienced in the communication with the federal authorities or with the local authorities of other countries (in your own country or in other countries)

**In relation to the Central Authorities in other countries, it exists a problem in the delivery of the next information:**

- 1. The expansion of the psychological and social studies of the adoption applicants.**
- 2. Cancellation of the procedure on behalf of the adoption applicants.**

**As well as the delivery of the authorized document that authorizes the entry and permanent residence in the receiving country.**

## **6. Accreditation**

In the September 2005 Special Commission, the first day will be dedicated to the analysis of matters related to the accreditation of organizations. Your replies to this part of the questionnaire will be very helpful for the Permanent Bureau on the planning and organization of that day.

### *Accredited Organizations*

(1) Explain please if your country uses or if it has the intention to use accredited organizations in the intercountry adoption process. If so, please give all the details of the (a) to (m) matters of the following listing:

- (a) Provide please all the details (including resources and faculties) of the authority or authorities that provide the accreditation.

**It is important to clarify that Mexico works directly with the Central Authorities and only with three accredited organizations.**

(b) How many organizations have been accredited in your country? The Federal States must provide the number of accredited organizations in each state or provinces. If possible, explain how some organizations have been rejected for the accreditation.

**There are three accredited organization in Mexico:  
Spain, France and Italy.**

(c) Provide please a little description about the criteria , guidelines or legislation for the organization's accreditation.

1. **To have the accreditation for do adoptions with mexican girls , boys or tennagers on behalf of the central authority of the receiving country.**
2. **To have experience on the international adoption matter.**
3. **To provide the Curriculum Vitae of the personnel that is part of the accredited organization.**
4. **To be legally made up and recognized.**

(c) Which is the process by which the accreditation is given?

**The National System DIF receives the organization documents, then it is review that this documents carry out the guidelines and then the truthfulness of the documents with the Central Authorities and the relevant embassies are corroborated.**

**It is analized that this organization fulfill the objective of such System.**

(e) If possible, provide please an electronic copy of your accreditation criteria, guidelines or legislation, and an English, French or Spanish translation (in case it is not in these languages)

(f) What kind of supervision is given in your country to the accredited organizations (See Article 11c)? Does the Central Authority demand them to provide any kind of report ( including financial reports) ?

We are in touch with the Central Authorities or Consulates, to verify that this organizations has a good functioning, as well as the accredited personnel attendance of the organization to the different coordination reunions .

(g) How is the carrying out of the evaluated accredited organizations

**The carrying out is a coordination and respect one.**

(h)Has the competent supervisory authority found any kind of difficulty related to the matter mentioned on (f)?

**No**

(i) Have you noticed any kind of act or behavior of the accredited or approved organizations, that contravene the accreditation criteria? Please, provide details about the sanctions or applied punishments.

**No**

(j) Which are the conditions to renovate the accreditation?

**They must fulfill the attendance to the coordination reunions, as well as having an in force accreditation for doing adoption of girls, boys and teenagers.**

(k) Have you experienced any difficulty in obtaining assistance or cooperation by other central authorities related to the accredited organizations?

**None**

(l) ¿Have you experienced any difficulty or concern related to the supervision in other countries of accredited organizations?

**None**

(m) ¿Do you think that the existence of a model or standard guidelines for the accreditation will provide the countries in the development of better procedures and appropriate back ups to this topic?.

**Yes**

(2) Has your country accredited foreign organizations to carry out international adoptive process in your country?

**No**

(a) What kind of procedures are needed for this authorization?

**Do not apply**

(b) Do you authorize organizations or foreign people to carry out this adoptions?

**Do not apply**

(c) Have you ever experienced any kind of difficulty related to accredited countries in a country but that acts in other ?

**Do not apply**

(3) If your country has decided not to use accredited organizations, explain please the reasons and why you took this decision?

**The National System DIF carry out adoptions directly, it does not accept intermediaries in our country adoptions.**

(4) Which specific aspects of the accreditation process would you like to be discussed in the Accreditation Day (September 17)?

**The validity as well as the selection criteria to authorize and evaluate the accredited organizations.**

(5) Would you like that an Accreditation Chapter on the Good Practice Guide for the International Adoptions will be developed?

**Yes**

*Organizations and approved persons.*

(6) Specify please if your country has the intention to use approved organizations or persons (See Article 22(2) in the international adoptions. If so:

(a) How many persons or organizations have been approved for your country to provide the adoption services, in accordance to the Article 22 (2).

**Do not apply**

(b) Do you give the approval to foreign persons or organizations?

**No**

(c) Which are the criteria by which the approval is given? (If it is different to 1 (c) )?

**Do not apply**

(d) Which is the process by which the approval is given and renovated?

**Do not apply**

(e) How does the supervision is carried out for the approved organizations and persons in your country (Article 22 (2))?

**Do not apply**

(f) Has your country made any statement under the Article 22 (4).

**Do not apply**

## **7. Procedural Respects**

(1) Provide please any operative difficulty that you have experienced, including the particular matters.

**None**

(a) The obtaining of precise and enough information about the social and health aspects of the child.

**No**

(b) The obtaining of precise and enough information about the possible adoptive parents.

## **In relation to the psychological and social evaluations**



(c) The obtaining of a precise calculation about the taxes that the adoptive parents must pay before the adoption and / or the travel for pick up the child.

**Do not apply, all the services are free.**

(d) the documentation requirements , including the requirements for the legalization and document's authentication or for the acceptance of documents by other country.

**Only the document of entry and permanent residence in the receiving country.**

(e) the obtaining of the required agreements in the Article 17.

**None**

(f) to receive the subsequent reports to the child handing over by the adoptive parents or the central authority..

**In relation to the post-adoptive following, there is not continuity**

(g) the translation requirements;

**No**

(h) the time that is needed to prosecute the Convention cases

**No**

(2) Once the eligibility criteria have been covered, is it allowed that the adoptive parents made their own arrangements to contact directly the placing agencies in the receiving country?

**No, all the procedures are carried out through the Central Authority, the National System DIF and the States DIF System.**

(3) Do you know if the procedure mentioned above has originated any kind of problem?

**No**

(4) Provide please details of any situation in which the placements have been cancelled in the receiving country. Which steps did you carry out or are you carrying out for direct this situation?

**Do not apply**

(5)The document's legalization could be a process that takes to much time for the contracting party countries of the Convention. In the Special Commission of the Apostille Conventions, Evidences and Services in November 2003, a recommendation was made related to the 1993 Convention. The report established the following:

“The special commission emphasizes the usefulness of linking the application of the 1993 Haya Convention on Adoptions with the Apostille Convention ( the 1961 Convention to abolish the

legalization requirements of public foreign documents)In the light of a great number of documents included in a typical adoption procedure, the Special Commission recommends the States members of the Convention on Adoption but that are not members of the Apostille Convention, to consider actively to be part of the Apostille Convention”.

Would you be in accordance with a similar recommendation of the following Special Commission that will discuss the 1993 Convention?

**Yes, the countries that are not members of the Convention must do a post-adoptive following through a inspector organ**

(6) The ADN tests have been used to establish identities (for example, if there is some doubt surrounding the consent) Could you please provide any detail related to this kind of cases, including the cost of the involved procedures?

**Do not apply**

#### **8.-Issued on private international law**

(1) The Convention do not decide which authorities have jurisdiction to guarantee or correct/revoke an adoption without which the law is applied to the prevailing conditions, or to the effects of an adoption.

(a) Have you heard about the emergence of any difficulty on the application of the Convention related to the authorities jurisdiction for guarantee or correct/revoke and adoption?

**No**

(b) Have your heard about any difficulty that could have appeared in the Convention’s application, related to the law or laws that are applied to the prevailing conditions or the effects of an adoption?

**No**

If the reply to some of the last questions is “yes” , Would you like that the Permanent Bureau will study this matters in the future?

(2) The applicable law issues could appear when the accredited corps in a contracting party State undertake proceedings in other Contracting party State. ( Article 12) for example:

**No**

- In case that the agents of that organization are authorized for interpreting and restrict their director

**No**

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In case that they have exceeded or have not exercised their authority.

**Do not apply, any State exceed the limits related to the laws**

Have you ever experienced any difficulty at this respect? ( Also see the 14 march 1978 Haya Convention on the Applicable Law to the Agency)?

## **9. Recognition and effects**

(1) Have your courts used the Recommended Model's format "Certificate of Approval of the Intercountry Adoption"? See [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) <http://www.hcch.net> "Intercountry Adoption" : "Documents of Practical Operation" : "Annexe C to the October 1994 Special Commission's Report"

(2) Have you heard about the emergence of any difficulty to obtain the certificate under the Article 23 (1)?

**No**

(3) Do you have any information about any case in which the recognition of an adoption Convention under the Article 24 had been refused?

**No**

(4) Are there any circumstances in which you could recognize the validity of a foreign adoption that is inside the faculties of the Convention, although that in this Convention the procedures and requirements had not been followed?

**All the adoptions must be attached to the law, not only in the Convention but also in the local laws of the origin and receiving countries.**

Specify please any other difficulties that have appeared in relation to the Chapter 5 of the Convention.

**They do not exist.**

## **10. Fees payment and reasonable taxes**

(1) Quantify please the costs and the fees paid expenses in your country, in relation to the intercountry adoptions ( Article 32 (2) ) Is the information related to the potential adoptive parents and to the competent authorities available and accessible freely?

**Do not apply**

(2) Have you had any experience with the use of charges, publicated or established fees, established charges or any other similar controls

**No**

(3) Do you have any comment about the practices of some countries that require the contributions of the adoptive parents for the support or the development of the services for children protection.

**None**

(4) Do you have any comment or experience about the unequal treatment among countries, in relation to the big disparities on the charges (for example, the requests in the countries that offer higher charges so the requests could be prosecuted quickly)?

**Ninguno**

(5) Do you know something about the disparities in some echelons between the professional salaries and the fees requested for the adoptions, in comparison to any other forms of legal procedures?( for example, expensive legal charges are requested for the adoption, as long as the charges in cases as the divorce are standard or cheaper- See Article 32 (3).

**No**

(6)Do you know something about any important difference in the charges made by the regional or municipal for the intercountry adoption procedure?

**No**

(7) To what extent, if there is one, are the charges applied about the intercountry adoption: (a) to support or help to develop the national system for the child protection; or (b) to contribute to the resources financing of the Central Authorities or accredited Corps?.

**There is no one**

(8) Do you have any other comment about the charges or reasonable or irrational costs?

**No**

(9) Do you know something about the emergence of problems caused by the payment of charges in your country or in other countries that you work or have adoption agreements with?

**No**

## **11.- Illegal Profits**

(1) Specify please the laws (including the legal sanctions),measures and procedures in which is used the principle that says that ... nobody obtain improper benefits or any other form of illegal profit, of the activities related to an intercountry adoption procedure (Article 32 (1)).

**In relation to this question, the public workers are punished in accordance to the Federal law of administrative responsibilities of the public workers, that commit benefit or gain, the administrative sanction will be the dismissal of the post, an economical sanction, temporarily disqualification to carry out positions or commission in the Public Service**

**The disqualification will be from 1 year to 10 years.**

(2) Do you know that in some successful cases when reinforcing the hardships to discourage the illegal financial benefits?

No

(3) Do you know something about the difficulties in the reinforcing actions and dismay of the illegal financing?

No

(4) As well as the measures referred in question 11 (1). Have you implement another preventive measures to fight against the illegal financing in your country?

**Yes, Mexico has the Operative Program of Transparency and Fight against Corruption**

(5) Provide please some details about the measures used to prevent the corruption (example, through the incentives to agree in the things required for adopting a child) (Article 8 and 29).

**The adoption process was incorporated to the Procedures and Services of High Impact to the Citizen, this helps to prevent the illegal benefits, obviously when the vigilance exists by the internal Organ of Control, as well as the surveys to the users of this procedure.**

(6) Have you had any difficulty to obtain the cooperation or the support of other States in the fighting to eradicate the practices that lead to illegal financial benefits?

No

## **12.- Parent's adoptions**

Do you have any comment about the application of the Convention procedures, related to the familiar adoptions (inter-familiar)?

No

## **13.- Children with special needs.**

Which policies or programs do you have to secure that the children with special needs have the same opportunities as the other children, for finding a family through the inter country adoption?

**All the girls, boys and teenagers are on equal terms when they are proposed for an adoption.**

## **14.-Another international measures on children care.**

Temporarily International Care, Kafala transnational, and other ways of children care that will include immigration elements that were not covered by the 1993 Convention, but that are covered by the October 19, 1996 Haya Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition,

Reinforcement and Cooperation to the Responsible Fatherhood and Measures for the Childhood Protection:  
See Articles 3 e) and 33 (1).

(1) Is your country involved in the international placing of children with other purposes that are not the adoption?

**No**

(2) Have you heard about the difficulties related to these placings ?

**No**

(3 ) If your country is not part of the 1996 Convention yet , are studying actively the form to agree to it or to ratify it?

#### **15.- Avoiding the Convention.**

Have you heard about some attacks that difficult the Convention or that avoid the protections given to the children, including the transfer of its origin place to other countries?

**No**

#### **16.- Additional backups and bilateral Agreements .**

Describe please some backups, requirements or additional procedures, about the adoptions that you could apply to the Convention (i.e. related or about the ones that are already contained in the Convention) Will they be applied in general or only in relation to some specific States?

**That it establishes the compulsory of the post-adoptive following.**

Have you done any agreement with one or more Contracting States (see Article 32 (2)) to increase the Convention Implementation? If so, specify please with which States and which matters are covered by the agreements?.

**No**

Do you have any comment about the efficiency of the bilateral agreements?

**No**

(a) With no member States? Are the Convention backups applied?

**Yes**

(b) With member States? Do they improve the Convention Operation? Have they caused any difficulty?

**No**

**17.- State's limits which the cooperation is possible.**

**In the subject of the agreements for the intercountry adoptions (as a receiving country or as a origin country), Do you think it is necessary to limit the cooperation under the Convention guidelines to a smaller group of other Contracting States? If so, explain please the reasons (e.g. organization not accredited properly, resources deficiency to prosecute the requests of a big number of States, etc...) Indicate the things that have influenced on select this countries.**

## **B SUGGESTIONS FO THE SEPTEMBER 2005 SPECIAL COMMISSION**

**18.- Do you ----- regularly seminars, training sessions or workshops related to the Adoption Convention in your State? , Would you welcome foreign participants? , Do you think it would be convenient, in case of the existence of a solid way, to make this activities know to other States? Do you have any suggestion?**

Yes , talking about the suggestions, we would like that the coordination agreements will be done.

**19.- In the current negotiations for a new Convention on the International Recovering of Children's Support and of other Forms of Family Support, a working group of Administrative Cooperation has been established among the authorities. Would you support the formation of a similar group for the 1993 Convention?**

**Yes**

**20.- Indicate please which topics do you consider that could be priority matters for the September 2005 Special Commission, as well as their level of importance.**

- **Measures for the adopted girls, boys and teenagers protection.**
- **To limit the adoption applicants for doing adoption procedures in different countries.**

**2- Any other suggestion , comment or observation will be welcomed.**

## **ANNEXE 1 – ORGANIGRAMA**

### **Introduction and Explanation**

In reply to the recommendation of the 2000 Special Commission, the Permanent Council has prepared a model form appointed to provide information in which the body in each State carry out the corrected function in the Convention. The form is applicable in the Original States as well as in the Receiver States, and it also includes an space for the report and the actualization of the names and contacts information for the Central, Public, Court, Accredited Corps and Approved People Authorities in each State.

With reference to the recommendation of the 2000 Special Commission, it was not possible to develop in the available time, a simple forms that shows the interaction of the authorities and competent corps in each State. No additional information could be supplied by the States in a separated document.

We could receive the comments about the form and its use facility and any suggested or added change. We suggest this because that the exercise of replies preparation could be the best way to prove its value and it could stand out any need of revision. In this way, we would like, if possible, to receive the completed forms of the States before June 14, 2005. If your States have already sent the required information in Section C, please just send the necessary revisions



# ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE 1993 HAGUE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION CONVENTION

**Country: MEXICO**

Please check the box (es) that indicate which body performs the stated function. States which are solely States of origin should complete only section A; States which are solely receiving states should complete only section B; States which as both States of origin and receiving States should complete sections A and B. All States are requested to ensure that the Permanent Bureau has the information requested in Section C and to provide updated information where changes are needed.

(CAN) Central Authority National

(CAR) Central Authority Regional

(PA) Public Authority

(CT) Court or Tribunal

(ABN) Accredited Body National

(ABF) Accredited Body Foreign

(APN) Approved Person National

(APF) Approved Person Foreign

(IEA) Independent Accrediting Entity appointed by Central Authority

## Section A: States of origin

Article	Action	Responsible Party
4a)	Establishes that the child is adoptable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
4b)	Determines that possibilities for placement of the child within the State of origin have been considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
4b)	Determines that intercountry adoption is in the child's best interests.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
4c); 16 (1) c)	Ensures that all involved parties have been counselled; consent has been obtained; consent was freely given; and was only given after birth of child.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
4d)	Ensures that child has been counselled and consulted when appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
8	Takes all appropriate steps to prevent improper financial gain.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
9a); 30	Preserves adoption records and information; Ensures availability of information to child when appropriate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
9 b)	Facilitates, follows and expedites proceedings with a view to obtaining the adoption.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
9c)	Promotes the development of adoption counselling and post adoption services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
9d)	Provides Central Authorities with general evaluation reports about experiences with intercountry adoption.	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF

9e)	Replies, in so far as it is permitted by the law of their State to justified requests from other Central Authorities or public authorities for information about a particular adoption situation	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
10;11	Accredits bodies and ensures that accredited bodies meet the requirements of the Convention and the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> IAE
12	Authorises foreign accredited bodies to act in the State	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
16 (1) a)	Prepares report on the child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
16 (1) a); 22 (5)	Supervises preparation of report by approved persons	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
16 (1) b)-d)	Determines, after giving due consideration to the child's circumstances and ensuring that consents have been properly obtained, that the envisaged placement is in the best interests of the child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
16 (2)	Transmits reports and documentation to receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
17a)	Ensures that the prospective adoptive parent(s) agree to the placement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
17c)	Agrees that the adoption may proceed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
18	Takes all necessary steps to obtain permission for the child to leave the State of origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
19 (2)	Ensures that the transfer of the child takes place in secure and appropriate circumstances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
19 (3)	Returns reports if transfer of the child does not take place	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
20	Provides information on the progress of the adoption to the Central Authority of the receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF

21	Consults with Central Authority or other body in receiving State in the event the placements fails and a new placement is necessary	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
23	Certifies that the adoption has been made in accordance with the Convention (if the adoption is completed in State of origin)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
24	Retains authority to refuse adoption if manifestly contrary to the public policy of the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
29	Ensures that no contact takes place between the prospective adoptive parent(s) and the child's parents or any other person who has care of the child until the requirements of Articles 4 a) and 5 a) have been met in accordance with the law of the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
32	Ensures that no one derives improper financial gain, and that service providers do not receive remuneration which is unreasonably high in relation to services rendered.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT

## Section B: Receiving Countries

Article	Action	Responsible Party
5a)	Determines the eligibility and suitability of adopters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
5b)	Ensures the prospective adoptive parents have been counseled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
5 c)	Determines that the child is or will be authorized to enter or reside permanently in that State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
8	Takes all appropriate steps to prevent improper financial gain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
9a); 30	Preserves adoption records and information; Ensures availability of information to child when appropriate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
9b)	Facilitates, follows and expedites proceedings with a view to obtaining the adoption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
9d)	Provides Central Authorities with general evaluation reports about experiences with intercountry adoption	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF

9e)	Replies, in so far as it is permitted by the law of their State, to justified requests from other Central Authorities or public authorities for information about a particular adoption situation	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
10; 11	Accredits bodies and ensures that accredited bodies meet the requirements of the Convention and the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> IAE
12	Authorises foreign accredited bodies to act in the State	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT
14	Accepts adoption applications from prospective adoptive parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
15	Prepares report on prospective adoptive parents and transmits to the State of origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
15(1); 22(5)	Supervises preparation of reports by approved persons	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF
15(2)	Transmits report to State of origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
16(2)	Receives report on child, proof of consents and reasons for recommended placement of child with prospective adoptive parents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF

Article	Action	Responsible Party
17 a) b)	Approves decision made by State of origin regarding match of child and parents where required by law or appropriate; notifies State of origin of agreement of prospective adoptive parents to placement of child	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
17 c)	Agrees that the adoption may proceed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
18	Takes all necessary steps to obtain permission for the child to enter and reside permanently in the receiving State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
19(2)	Ensures that the transfer of the child takes place in secure and appropriate circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> ABN <input type="checkbox"/> ABF <input type="checkbox"/> APN <input type="checkbox"/> APF
19(3)	Returns reports if transfer of the child does not take	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR

	place	<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABF
		<input type="checkbox"/> APN	<input type="checkbox"/> APF
20	Provides information on the progress of the adoption to the Central Authority of State of origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input type="checkbox"/> CT
		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABF
		<input type="checkbox"/> APN	<input type="checkbox"/> APF
21	Protects child, find alternate care, consults with Central Authority or other body in State of origin in the event the placement fails and a new placement is necessary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input type="checkbox"/> CT
		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN	<input type="checkbox"/> ABF
		<input type="checkbox"/> APN	<input type="checkbox"/> APF
23	Certifies that the adoption has been made in accordance with the Convention (if the adoption is completed in the receiving State)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
24	Retains authority to refuse adoption if manifestly contrary to the public policy of the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT
29	Ensures that no contact takes place between the prospective adoptive parent(s) and the child's parents or any other person who has care of the child until the requirements of Articles 4 a) and 5 a) have been met in accordance with the law of the State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input type="checkbox"/> CT
32	Ensures that no one derives improper financial gain, and that services providers do not receive remuneration which is unreasonably high in relation to services rendered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CAR
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT

### Section C: Identification of responsible parties

Please provide the names and contact information for all applicable entities noted below. Separate sheets may be attached as necessary.

Central Authority  
Regional Central Authorities  
Public Authorities / Courts and Tribunals  
Accredited Bodies  
Approved Persons

## ANNEX 2 – STATISTICS FORMS

### Introduction and explanation

In response to the request made during the Special Commission of 2000, the Permanent Bureau is developing a set of standard forms for the reporting of statistics, and we have attached the Draft Adoption Statistics Forms (State of origin forms – 1a, 1b, 1c; receiving State forms – 2a, 2b, 2c).

We would like to receive the completed forms from as many States as possible by **14 june 2005**, and welcome comments or suggestions on the forms and their ease of use. If possible, we would like to receive statistics from years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Compiled statistics will be made available at the Special Commission meeting.

Country Mexico  
Year 2001[illegible]

<sup>1</sup> Number of adoptions completed in State of origin e.g. by adoption order or decree. If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

<sup>2</sup> Number of children entrusted to prospective adoptive parents with a view to adoption in the receiving State.

<sup>3</sup> If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly e.g. if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

<sup>4</sup> Number of adoptions of special needs children

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or foster care, or from the date the Central Authority was first contacted about a child currently living with his or her family of origin that was in need of adoptive placement.

<sup>6</sup>Location of child prior to adoption: these numbers should only relate to children adopted (not entrusted)

<sup>7</sup> Travel related costs should not be included in this amount.

Country Mexico  
Year 2002

### 1<sup>a</sup>. Intercountry adoptions to Hague States

[illegible]

<sup>8</sup> Number of adoptions completed in State of origin e.g. by adoption order or decree. If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

<sup>2</sup> Number of children entrusted to prospective adoptive parents with a view to adoption in the receiving State.

<sup>3</sup> If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly e.g. if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

<sup>4</sup> Number of adoptions of special needs children

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or foster care, or from the date the Central Authority was first contacted about a child currently living with his or her family of origin that was in need of adoptive placement.

<sup>6</sup>Location of child prior to adoption: these numbers should only relate to children adopted (not entrusted)

<sup>7</sup> Travel related costs should not be included in this amount.

**Annual adoption statistics for Status of origin**  
**Country Mexico**  
**Year 2003**

**1<sup>a</sup>. Intercountry adoptions to Hague States**

Country	Total # completed adoptions <sup>15</sup> for year	# Children entrusted to PAPs <sup>16</sup>	Age and gender of child at adoption <sup>17</sup>						# Adoptions of special need children <sup>18</sup>	Average time child spent in care of awaiting <sup>19</sup> adoption	Location of child prior to adoption <sup>20</sup>			Average total cost of adoption services in State of origin (in local currency) <sup>21</sup>		
			<1		1-4		5-9				>10		Institution M		Foster care	Family of origin
			M	F	M	F	M	F			M	F				
Mexico	63	0								1-3 years	SNDIF	SNDIF		FREE		

<sup>15</sup> Number of adoptions completed in State of origin e.g. by adoption order or decree. If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

<sup>2</sup> Number of children entrusted to prospective adoptive parents with a view to adoption in the receiving State.

<sup>3</sup> If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly e.g. if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

<sup>4</sup> Number of adoptions of special needs children

<sup>5</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or foster care, or from the date the Central Authority was first contacted about a child currently living with his or her family of origin that was in need of adoptive placement.

<sup>6</sup> Location of child prior to adoption: these numbers should only relate to children adopted (not entrusted)

<sup>7</sup> Travel related costs should not be includes in this amount.



Country Mexico  
Year 2004[illegible]

<sup>22</sup> Number of adoptions completed in State of origin e.g. by adoption order or decree. If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

Number of children entrusted to prospective adoptive parents with a view to adoption in the receiving State.

If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly e.g. if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Number of adoptions of special needs children

<sup>3</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or foster care, or from the date the Central Authority was first contacted about a child currently living with his or her family of origin that was in need of adoptive placement.

Location of child prior to adoption: these numbers should only relate to children adopted (not entrusted)

Travel related costs should not be included in this amount.

Country Mexico  
Year 2001

### 1c. Domestic adoptions

[illegible]

<sup>13</sup> If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

<sup>2,3,4</sup> Numbers of children for whom another form permanent care, excluding adoption, was found in the country of origin

<sup>295</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or temporary care

### 1c. Domestic adoptions

<sup>13</sup> If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

<sup>304</sup> Numbers of children for whom another form permanent care, excluding adoption, was found in the country of origin

<sup>305</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or temporary care

Country Mexico  
Year 2003

### 1c. Domestic adoptions

[illegible]

<sup>13</sup> If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.

314 Numbers of children for whom another form permanent care, excluding adoption, was found in the country of origin

315 Calculated from time child entered the institution or temporary care

### 1c. Domestic adoptions

[illegible]

<sup>13</sup> If relative adoptions are included in the total, please provide in a note a separate total for these adoptions if possible.  
<sup>324</sup> Numbers of children for whom another form permanent care, excluding adoption, was found in the country of origin  
<sup>325</sup> Calculated from time child entered the institution or temporary care