Questionnaire on the impact of COVID-19 on intercountry adoptions under the 1993 Adoption Convention

Identification for follow-up purposes:	
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	I.	**OVERARCHING QUESTIONS**
		<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
1.		In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has your State **modified** intercountry adoption procedures under the 1993 Adoption Convention? If so, what has your State done to ensure that the **safeguards and procedures** of the Convention have been, and continue to be, respected? We did not modified intercountry adoption procedures, but we adapted to the situation. The activities are underway, of course, taking into account all safeguard measures; there is more communication via videoconferencing.
	II.	**OUTBREAK OF COVID-19** (cases in transition only)
		<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
2.		What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the **child** had **already** been **matched** with prospective adoptive parents, but no adoption decision had been issued at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation? At the time of the Covid-19 epidemic, we had one such case. The process of interaction between PAP's and the child was initially postponded, but after intensive cooperation between both Central Authorities and with the PAP's (including via videoconference), the interaction is currently ongoing.
3.		What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the **adoption decision** had already been **issued**, but the **child** was **still in the State of origin** at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?
		N/A
	III.	**DURING COVID-19** (cases in transition and new cases)
		<u>States of origin only</u>

4.	Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure: a) Declaration of **adoptability** of the child: N/A b) **Matching**: N/A c) **Socialisation** period: N/A d) **Support** and counselling to adoptable children: N/A e) Adoption **decision**: N/A f) Other stages: N/A
	<u>Receiving States only</u>
5.	Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure: a) **Eligibility** and **suitability** of prospective adoptive parents: Activities are ongoing as well during Covid-19 epidemic as much as possible; the way of mutual cooperation is adapted to the current situation (less personal contacts, more use of web technologies). b) **Support** and counselling to prospective adoptive parents: Activities are ongoing as well during Covid-19 epidemic as much as possible; the way of mutual cooperation is adapted to the current situation (less personal contacts, more use of web technologies). c) Other stages: Please insert text here
	IV. USE OF TECHNOLOGY
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
6.	Has the use of technologies (*e.g,* videoconferencing) **evolved** in the adoption procedures in place in your State since the outbreak of COVID-19 in your State? Please specify: a) any **benefits** and **challenges**: Given the limitations caused by the epidemic COvid-19, we have to some extent replaced personal contact by using of technologies (e.g. videoconferencing). This is certainly positive, as these processes have not slowed down to such an extent as they would without the use of technologies.

	b) if your response to **question 72** ("Use of new technologies") of the <u>2020 Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (Prel. Doc. No 3)</u> has changed: Please insert text here
V.	**POST COVID-19: LOOKING AHEAD**
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
7.	Has your State developed any practices during this pandemic period that would be **useful to mainstream into regular work** practices? If so, please elaborate on what those practices are and how you plan to go about mainstreaming them into regular work practices: Please insert text here
8.	Please share any good practices and lessons learned by your State which may be applied in the event of **another pandemic or similar state of emergency:** Please insert text here
VI.	**ANY OTHER COMMENTS**
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
9.	Please insert here any other comments you may have: Please insert text here