

The Hague Children's Conventions Status

The status of all the Hague Conventions is available on the website of the Hague Conference < www.hcch.net >, under "Conventions", then under the Convention in question, click "Status".

1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention

The Hague Conference welcomes the recent entry into force of the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention in **Lesotho** on 1 September 2012. Further, the Hague Conference is delighted to report that the **Republic of Korea** joined the 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention as the 89th Contracting State. The Convention will enter into force in Korea on 1 March 2013.

The Convention has today 89 Contracting States. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the website of the Hague Conference (< www.hcch.net >) under the "Child Abduction Section", then "Contracting States".

1996 Hague Child Protection Convention

The number of Contracting States to the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention continues to grow rapidly. The Hague Conference is very pleased to report that the **Russian Federation** and **Lesotho** are the most recent countries that acceded to the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention. The Convention will enter into force in the Russian Federation and in Lesotho on 1 June 2013.

Furthermore, the Hague Conference welcomes the recent entry into force of the Convention in the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** on 1 November 2012. The Hague Conference is also pleased to announce that the Convention will enter into force in **Sweden** on 1 January 2013.

The Convention has today 39 Contracting States. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the website of the Hague Conference (< www.hcch.net >) under "Conventions", then "Status Charts".

1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention

The Hague Conference is very pleased to announce that **Fiji** has acceded to the Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption on 29 April 2012. The Hague Conference is also delighted to report the accession of **Lesotho** on 24 August 2012. The Convention entered into force for Fiji on 1 August 2012 and for Lesotho on 1 December 2012.

89 States are today Parties to the Convention. To check whether the Convention has entered into force between specific Contracting States, we invite you to consult the website of the Hague Conference (< www.hcch.net >) under "Intercountry Adoption Section", then "Contracting States".

2007 Child Support Convention

The Hague Conference is delighted to announce that the Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance will reach an important milestone in the New Year, entering into force on 1 January 2013, subsequent to the ratification of the Convention by two States. **Albania** was the second State to ratify the Convention in September of this year, following **Norway's** ratification in 2011. The Convention will enter into force in both Norway and Albania on 1 January 2013. **Bosnia Herzegovina** has also ratified the 2007 Child Support Convention and will become the third State Party to the Convention as of 1 February 2013. The European Union (6 April 2011), the United States of America (23 November 2007), Ukraine (7 July 2010) and Burkina Faso (7 January 2009) have also signed the Convention.