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I. Introduction

- 1 Following the March 2023 meeting of the Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP), a Steering Committee for the organization of virtual workshops on post-adoption services was established.
- 2 The following states are members of the Steering Committee: Australia, Vietnam, Togo, Senegal, Italy, Colombia, the United States and Canada. Canada was invited by the Members to chair the Committee and continues to serve in this role.
- 3 From May 2023 to February 2026, the Steering Committee held their meetings online. Members of the Steering Committee identified and agreed on terms of reference at their first meeting (See ANNEX 1)
- 4 At the 2025 meeting, CGAP supported the organization of one or two additional virtual workshops on post-adoption services, to be coordinated jointly by States of origin and Receiving States and noted that the Steering Committee would report to CGAP in 2026.

II. Workshop December 2025

- 5 The third virtual workshop was held on December 10, 2025, and was organized by the Steering Committee. The Committee introduced a new workshop format designed to foster exchanges and the sharing of best practices among States.
- 6 Canada facilitated the workshop and guided the discussion in both English and French. The Zoom platform was utilised with the automatic transcription feature enabled. State representatives were invited to contribute in any of the three official languages of the Hague Conference.
- 7 Discussions among States focused on the definition and understanding of adoption breakdowns, approaches to monitoring and gathering relevant statistics, as well as strategies and support measures to mitigate or prevent adoption breakdowns.
- 8 The level of participation demonstrated interest in the topic discussed. In total, more than 120 participants from both States of origin and Receiving States took part in the workshop.
- 9 Following the virtual workshop, a satisfaction survey was distributed to State representatives to gather their feedback on the transcription of interventions. Overall, participants expressed satisfaction with the use of this tool, noting that particular attention should be paid to the pace of speech in order to enhance its performance. State representatives were also invited to share their views on the new workshop format, which was designed to promote exchange and discussion. They expressed a high level of satisfaction with this approach.

III. Proposal for CGAP

- 10 The Steering Committee proposes the following C&D for CGAP consideration:

CGAP noted the report of the Steering Committee for the organisation of virtual workshops on postadoption services under the 1993 Adoption Convention. CGAP supported the holding of one or two additional virtual workshops on post-adoption services organised by States, with a view to submitting an additional report to CGAP in 2027.

ANNEX

Steering Committee Terms of Reference

- 1 As per the conclusions of the 5th Special Commission on the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, a Steering Committee is to be set up to facilitate the organization of State-led workshops on post-adoption services in order to allow interested Contracting Parties to share their experiences and practices.

A. Mandate and role

- 2 The purpose of the SC (SC) is to facilitate the organization and timing of State-led virtual workshops on post-adoption services, which should involve the participation of persons with lived experience. The SC may also propose ideas for the content and the format of the workshops.

B. Membership

- 3 Colombia, Senegal, Togo, Australia, Italy, the United States of America, Vietnam and Canada have agreed to participate in the SC. At the first SC meeting, it was agreed that Canada would take on the role of the chair. If this commitment becomes too labor-intensive for Canada to fulfil by themselves, the SC can discuss the possibility of a rotation.
- 4 The Permanent Bureau may support the SC and the workshops, for example, by providing their insights on the workshops and by acting as a conduit for e-mail communications from the SC or the States hosting the virtual workshops and the Central Authorities of the Contracting Parties.

C. Meetings

- 5 At the first SC meeting it was agreed that meetings would follow soon after each virtual workshop. For 2023, only two meetings will be feasible (June and last quarter of 2023). After the first virtual workshop, an email will be sent to all States to determine their interest in hosting a virtual workshop. Based on this feedback, the SC will develop a schedule of virtual workshops and subsequent SC meetings.
- 6 The meetings will take place virtually and discussions will be conducted primarily in English. Participants may intervene in either French or Spanish and their interventions will be summarised in the other two languages during the videoconference.

D. Reporting

- 7 The SC will report to the Council on General Affairs and Policy on the outcome of the workshops in 2025. It may recommend drafting a possible document on post-adoption services, the nature of which will be determined at that time. The SC could send out a very short survey after each workshop to find out what the participants felt worked well or not and to get a sense of how useful the workshop was. This feedback will be useful when it comes to drafting the report for the Council of General Affairs and Policy. It might also be helpful if every Steering Committee member shares their feedback following the workshops to feed into the final report.