

## ICELAND

### The applications

#### 1. The number of applications

According to the Central Authority for Iceland, they received 4 incoming return but no incoming access applications in 1999. There were no outgoing applications made by Iceland either for return or access. Altogether, therefore, the Central Authority for Iceland handled 4 new applications in 1999.

#### 2. The Contracting States which made the applications

Requesting States

	Number of Applications	Percent
Spain	1	25
Sweden	1	25
USA	1	25
Poland	1	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>

### The taking person

#### 3. The gender of the taking person

All taking persons in applications to Iceland were females. While there were only 4 applications and therefore the numbers were small for the purposes of analysis, all the Scandinavian States had a higher proportion of female taking persons than the global norm of 69%. All the taking persons in applications to Hungary (where there were 8 cases) were also female. Conversely, all taking persons in applications to Bosnia and Herzegovina (where there were 3 cases) and China - Hong Kong (where there were 4 cases), were male.

#### 4. The nationality of the taking person

3 of the 4 taking persons were Icelandic nationals, whereas globally, 52% of taking persons had the nationality of the requested State.

### The children

#### 5. The total number of children

There were 8 children involved in the 4 applications received by Iceland in 1999.

#### 6. Single children or sibling groups

3 of the 4 applications involved sibling groups whereas globally, 63% of applications involved single children. There were 2 sibling groups of 2 children and 1 sibling group of 3 children.

## 7. The age of the children

Age of the Children

	Number	Percent
0-4 years	0	0
5-9 years	5	63
10-16 years	3	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

The children involved in applications to Iceland were all over 5 years old. Globally, 38% of children were aged between 0 and 4 years old.

## 8. The gender of the children

Gender of the Children

	Number	Percent
Male	5	63
Female	3	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

Globally, 53% of children involved in return applications were male. The proportion was higher in applications to Iceland at 63%.

## The outcomes

### 9. Overall outcomes

1 application was rejected, a further application was withdrawn and 2 applications resulted in a judicial return.

### 10. The reasons for rejection

1 application was rejected because the applicant had given written and legalised consent for the children to be brought to Iceland.

## Speed

### 11. The time between application and outcome

The 2 judicial returns took respectively 43 and 197 days to reach conclusion. Globally, judicial returns on appeal took a mean average of 107 days from application to outcome.