

# Recommended Model Forms for use under the 1993 Adoption Convention



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### ARTICLE 9 OF THE 1993 ADOPTION CONVENTION

#### *Article 9(d) and (e)*

*Central Authorities shall take, directly or through public authorities or other bodies duly accredited in their State, all appropriate measures, in particular to – [...]*

- d) provide each other with general evaluation reports about experience with intercountry adoption;*
- e) reply, in so far as 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.*

### EXPLANATORY SECTION

#### **1. Does the Convention require post-adoption reports?**

The Convention only provides for "general evaluation reports about experience with intercountry adoption" and "[replies] [...] to justified requests [...] for information about a particular adoption situation", but does not provide for individualised regular post-adoption reports.

In other words, "the matter of supplying post-adoption reports on individual children at regular intervals and for a fixed period is not regulated by the Convention" ([Guide to Good Practice No 1](#) (GGP 1), para. 592). See further, Chapter 9.3 of GGP 1.

#### **2. If individual post-adoption reports are not required under the Convention,<sup>1</sup> then why is there a Model Form?**

"A recommendation was made on post-adoption reporting to reflect the compromise that was needed in this matter. It states as follows: 'The Special Commission

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<sup>1</sup> Some receiving States are of the view that a very detailed report may be seen by a significant number of adopted children and adoptive families as inappropriate and intrusive. Thus, the duration and frequency of any post-adoption reporting obligations and the extent of the information provided in post-adoption reporting in general should be balanced with and adjusted to the child's age and the child's right to privacy (see GGP 1, para. 600), the high expectations vis-à-vis the prospective adoptive parents (and the high standards imposed in terms of their suitability to adopt) and their right to care and raise their child without continued scrutiny from officials of the receiving State or the State of origin.

As well as monitoring the adoption, information in this report may be used to improve post-adoption support services.

recommends to receiving States to encourage compliance with post-adoption reporting requirements of States of origin; a model form might be developed for this purpose. Similarly, the Special Commission recommends to States of origin to limit the period in which they require post-adoption reporting in recognition of the mutual confidence which provides the framework for co-operation under the Convention" (GGP 1, para. 601).

**3. What about the right to privacy and the protection of personal data?**

Each State will need to adapt the report according to the right to privacy of families and to their domestic law on data protection. States of origin also need to recognise that the Central Authorities, public authorities or other bodies from the receiving States may not always be able to assist with the completion of this form because of the right to privacy of families and the protection of personal data.

**4. When should this report be drafted?**

This Recommended Model Form may be used for any post-adoption reports required by the State of origin, according to relevant applicable law or practice, after an adoption decision has been made. Two different reports are included in this Model Form, first an **Initial Report** which is more detailed, and then a model for **Follow-up Reports** which is more general.<sup>2</sup>

It is recommended inviting, or at least consulting, the child to participate in completing this Form, having regard to the age and maturity of the child, and wishes to have input or not.

Competent authorities of the relevant Contracting State should ensure that this form is preserved (see Arts 9(a), 30 and 31 of the Convention).

**5. Is the use of this Model Form compulsory?**

No, it is only a Recommended Model Form, which may need to be adapted by each State.

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<sup>2</sup> This Recommended Model Form presents contents for both a detailed form that can serve as inspiration for the **first post-adoption report** (or when the child is young), and a **follow-up report** with more general questions that attempts to take into consideration the right of adoptees to be treated like other children (*i.e.*, not have additional requirements that do not apply to children who are not adopted) and their right to privacy vis-à-vis officials of the receiving State and the State of origin. States may also wish to use (and / or adapt) this form during the adoption procedure, to report on the socialisation period between the child and the prospective adoptive parents.

## RECOMMENDED MODEL FORM

### Post-adoption report on the child

#### INITIAL POST-ADOPTION REPORT<sup>1</sup>

1. Date of the report: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Author of the report:
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Function: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Authority / body (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Interviews:
  - Persons interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Place(s) (e.g., home visits, meetings outside the home): \_\_\_\_\_
  - Date(s) of the meeting(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD, THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY AND THE ADOPTION

1. Full name of the child before the adoption: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Full name of the child after the adoption: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of birth of the child: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Current age of the child: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Place of birth (city and State) of the child: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Competent authority which issued the adoption decision: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Date of the adoption decision: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of arrival of the child in the receiving State: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> An initial report refers to the first report provided to the State of origin following the intercountry adoption and it may therefore be more relevant to provide more comprehensive information. For further information see GGP 1, Chapter 9.3. Please also note that this Model Form may also be used as a model for post-placement report (Art. 20 of the 1993 Adoption Convention).

9. Nationality of the child:
- a. Has the child acquired the nationality of one or both of the adoptive parents:
- Yes. Please specify the nationality acquired: \_\_\_\_\_
- No. Please explain why not: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Has the child acquired another nationality:
- Yes. Please specify which nationality: \_\_\_\_\_
- No.
10. Full name(s) of adoptive parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_
11. Name(s) and age(s) of the other children of the family (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
12. Other members of the family with whom the child has a connection (if applicable), please mention their relationship with the child (e.g., grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousins): \_\_\_\_\_
13. Adoption accredited body involved in the child's adoption (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## B. THE CHILD'S HEALTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS<sup>2</sup>

1. Please provide information about the current health condition of the child, any health issues that the child had and how they are / have been addressed: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please describe the physical development and motor skills of the child: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the child's height and weight at the time of the child came into the care of the adoptive parents (if known) and what is their current height and weight? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the child up to date on their immunisations (vaccinations)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the child have any special needs?
 

Yes. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

What progress has been made? \_\_\_\_\_

What has the effect of these special needs been on the adoptive family? \_\_\_\_\_

Do the child and the family receive support (e.g., medical support, therapeutic support, financial support, material support) to address the child's special needs? If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

No.

<sup>2</sup> To the extent possible, and in particular for the initial report, information about the child's health and their special needs should be completed by qualified professionals.

6. Was the child's health status at the time of the adoption decision consistent with the status as described in the "Report on the Child" transmitted by the State of origin pursuant to Article 16 of the 1993 Adoption Convention?
- Yes.
- No. Please indicate which health issues have been detected since the adoption which were not described in the report: \_\_\_\_\_

### C. THE CHILD AND THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY

1. Please provide information about the current attachment and bonding of the child with each family member (each parent, and if applicable, siblings and other family members). Please assess each relationship separately: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What issues and challenges, if any, have been encountered by:
  - a. the child – in adjusting to the new family environment: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. the adoptive family – in caring for the child (e.g., adjustment to new parenting responsibilities, influence and effects of adoption on the parents' relationship and the other children of the adoptive parents): \_\_\_\_\_
3. How are / were the challenges addressed? Please explain any support received, including external resources (e.g., social workers, therapists, psychologists)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the child been accepted by, and has the child integrated into, the extended adoptive family? Please explain how: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Has the child been integrated into the broader social environment of the adoptive family (e.g., friends of the adoptive family, other adoptive families and support groups)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. How are the adoptive parents integrating the child's culture into their day to day lives? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What are the living conditions in the home (e.g., does the child have their own room, is there space for play and study)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the family dynamic in the home (e.g., are both adoptive parents active in parenting, what are their respective roles, what is the time distribution of caring for the child do they have support (e.g., family members who help, babysitters))? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have there been any significant changes in the family since the child was adopted (e.g., changes in marital status, residence, employment, persons living in the home, illness, grief)? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How do the adoptive parents look back on the adoption of their child? \_\_\_\_\_

## D. SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. Please provide information about the current social and emotional development of the child, including:
  - a. relationship with friends outside school: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. relationship with the community (e.g., neighbours, adoptive associations): \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. positive developments: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. any challenges that the child had or is having (e.g., cognitive delays or behavioural or social issues): \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. how these challenges are / have been addressed: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the personality, temperament, attachment to others and general behaviour of the child at the current time? How does the child express their emotions: anger, frustrations, happiness, love? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is the child close to and like to spend time with? In situations of difficulties, who does the child turn to? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How has the child's ability to self-care developed, *i.e.*, is the child able to dress, feed and keep clean? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please provide information about the child's cognitive development, intelligence, problem solving ability, creativity, ability to learn, ability to occupy themselves alone, ability to deal with moments of boredom, autonomy: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please specify any other challenges that the child had or is having, and how they are / have been addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

## E. EDUCATION / CHILDCARE

1. Is the child in day care or schooling? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please describe how the child finds day care / school: \_\_\_\_\_
3. How does the child perform at school? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the child's current linguistic skills and has the child acquired a new language? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does the child need any special assistance / tutoring (e.g., language classes)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What extracurricular activities does the child enjoy (e.g., physical activities / sport, cultural activities, social activities, games)? \_\_\_\_\_



7. What is the quality of the child's relationships with any day care providers or teachers?  
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8. What is the quality of the child's relationships with peers and friends at school? -----

## F. THE CHILD'S ORIGINS

1. What has been / is being done to inform the child about their origins, history, culture, the adoption procedure (e.g., talking to the child, showing photos from the child's life before adoption, maintaining a life book) and to help the child manage all this information? -----
2. Is the child interested in maintaining a connection with their culture of origin (e.g., language, religion, food)? -----
3. Has the child maintained contact with previous caregivers or any significant persons in their life prior to the adoption? If so, how is this contact maintained? -----
4. What challenges have been encountered since the adoption concerning the child's origins and the adoption (e.g., discrimination)? -----
5. Does the child have any contact with their birth family:
  - Yes – please specify the type of contact (e.g., via social media, letter, telephone, video calls, in-person), the frequency of the contact and provide any other comments: -----
  - No. Any comments: -----

## G. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS

Please provide any other comments, feedback or recommendations, if applicable: -----

## H. DOCUMENTS TO ATTACH TO THIS REPORT

Where possible and in agreement with the child, having regard to their age and maturity, and the prospective adoptive parents, recent photograph(s) of the child and any documents that the family may wish to share may be attached to this report.

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### Post-adoption report on the child

#### FOLLOW UP POST-ADOPTION REPORT<sup>1</sup>

1. Date of the report: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Author of the report:
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Function: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Authority / body (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
3. Interviews:
  - Persons interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_
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9. Nationality of the child:
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- Yes. Please specify which nationality: \_\_\_\_\_
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11. Name(s) and age(s) of the other children of the family (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
12. Other members of the family with whom the child has a connection (if applicable), please mention their relationship with the child (e.g., grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousins): \_\_\_\_\_

## B. THE CHILD'S HEALTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Please provide information about the child's current health, any health issues or conditions, any special needs, and how they are / have been addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. THE CHILD AND THE ADOPTIVE FAMILY

Please provide information about the child and the adoptive family (e.g., current relationship of the child with family members (each parent, and if applicable, siblings)); any challenges and how they are / have been addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information about any significant change in the family since the child was adopted, and how the adoptive parents reflect upon their child's adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Please provide information about the child's social, emotional and other developments (e.g., current social and self-awareness; any challenges that the child had or is having (including behavioural issues), and how they are / have been addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information about the child's mental development (e.g., the child's cognitive development, intelligence, problem solving, creativity, ability to learn, ability to occupy themselves alone, ability to deal with moments of boredom, autonomy; any challenges that the child had or is having and how they are / have been addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

#### E. EDUCATION / CHILDCARE

Please provide information about the child's education or childcare (e.g., child's progress at school, information about the grade the child is attending, if the child is in the normal range for their age, if the child requires special assistance or tutoring; extracurricular activities; relationship with teachers, peers and friends; any challenges and how they are / were addressed): \_\_\_\_\_

#### F. THE CHILD'S ORIGINS

Please provide information about the child's origins (e.g., what has been / is being done regarding the child's understanding and appreciation of their State of origin, as well as the maintenance of the child's connection to their culture of origin; any challenges and how they are / were addressed; if the child has any contact with their birth family, and how this is going; contact with previous caregivers or any significant persons in their life prior to the adoption; if the child has shown an interest in visiting the State of origin, and /or search for their origins ): \_\_\_\_\_

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