

Recommended Model Forms for use under the 1993 Adoption Convention



Article 23 Certificate

Recommended Model Form No 9

Certificate of conformity of intercountry
adoption with the 1993 Adoption Convention
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ARTICLE 23 OF THE 1993 ADOPTION CONVENTION

Article 23

- (1) *An adoption certified by the competent authority of the State of the adoption as having been made in accordance with the Convention shall be recognised by operation of law in the other Contracting States. The certificate shall specify when and by whom the agreements under Article 17, sub-paragraph c), were given.*
- (2) *Each Contracting State shall, at the time of signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, notify the depositary of the Convention of the identity and the functions of the authority or the authorities which, in that State, are competent to make the certification. It shall also notify the depositary of any modification in the designation of these authorities.*

EXPLANATORY SECTION

1. What has been included in this Recommended Model Form?

This Form includes key information about the adoption, namely the identification of the child and the adoptive parent(s); the decision of adoption made by the competent authority; the certification by the authority that the adoption was made in accordance with the Convention and that the agreements under Article 17(c) were given; and if the adoption terminated, or not, the pre-existing legal parent-child relationship.

The certificate of conformity is an important document which provides proof that the adoption is entitled to automatic recognition in all other Contracting States.¹

2. When should this Model Form be used?

The certificate of conformity is issued by the State which completes the adoption.²

It must be issued by a competent authority after the adoption is finalised. It should be issued promptly.³

¹ See [Guide to Good Practice No 1](#), para. 437.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, para. 383.

3. 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.

RECOMMENDED MODEL FORM

Certificate of conformity of intercountry adoption with the 1993 Adoption Convention (Art. 23)

The undersigned authority: _____

Hereby certifies that the child:

Family name: _____

Given name(s): _____

Gender: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Habitual residence: _____

Was adopted according to the decision of the following authority:

Date of the decision: _____

Date at which the decision became final: _____

If the adoption was made otherwise than by a decision of an authority, please specify the equivalent details: _____.

By the following person(s):

a. Family name of adoptive parent 1:

Given name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____.

Habitual residence at the time of the adoption: _____.

b. Family name of adoptive parent 2:

Given name(s): _____.

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____.

Habitual residence at the time of the adoption: _____.

The undersigned authority certifies that the adoption was made in accordance with the Convention and that the agreements under Article 17(c), were given by:

- a. Name and address of the Central Authority of the State of origin: _____.
Date of the agreement: _____
- b. Name and address of the Central Authority¹ of the receiving State: _____.
Date of the agreement: _____.

The adoption had the effect of terminating the pre-existing legal parent-child relationship.

OR

The adoption did not have the effect of terminating the pre-existing legal parent-child relationship.

Done at _____ on _____
City, State Date

Signature / Seal: _____

¹ Or the public authority, body or person designated in accordance with Article 22(1) or (2) of the Convention.

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