COUNTRY PROFILE

TAKING OF EVIDENCE BY VIDEO-LINK UNDER THE HAGUE CONVENTION OF 18 MARCH 1970 ON THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE ABROAD IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS

STATE NAME: Northern Ireland

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PART I: STATE

1. Contact details The contact details provided in this section <u>will be published</u> on the Hague Conference website	
CHAPTER I (LETTERS OF REQUEST)	
As with any other Letter of Request under Chapter I of the Evidence Convention, the requesting authority should contact the Central Authority(ies) of the requested State when seeking to obtain evidence by means of a Letter of Request, whether using video-link or not.	
a) Are the contact details of the Central Authority(ies) designated by YOUR STATE up- to-date on the <u>Evidence Section</u> of the Hague Conference website?	 Yes. No. Please provide the contact details on a separate Word or PDF document for uploading on the Evidence Section of the Hague Conference website.
b) Would Your STATE be in favour of specifying a person or department within the Central Authority(ies) who would assist in processing Letters of Request where the use of video-links has expressly been requested (e.g., to arrange the video-link or provide technical assistance)?	 Yes. If YOUR STATE has already done so, please specify the contact details: Front of House Office, Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 3JF No. Please explain why:
c) What arrangements are there for ensuring that there is a contact person with whom the requesting authority can liaise and who is available on the day of the hearing to operate the video-link facilities (<i>e.g.</i> is there a booking system)?	Arrangements are put in place once a request is made and the details of the date and time have been organised. There should always be someone available to assist with any request.