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<b>Title</b>	Report on post-Convention assistance activities (1 January – 31 December 2019)	
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<b>Mandate(s)</b>	C&R No 45 of the 2019 CGAP meeting	
<b>Objective</b>	To report on outcomes of post-Convention assistance projects (projects), undertaken by the PB in 2019	
<b>Action to be taken</b>	For Approval <input type="checkbox"/> For Decision <input type="checkbox"/> For Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Annexes</b>	Annex 1: List of post-Convention assistance projects	
<b>Related documents</b>	Strategic Framework for Post-Convention Assistance	

## **I. Introduction**

1. The Report on post-Convention assistance (pCA) activities (Report) provides CGAP with an overview of post-Convention assistance projects (Projects) undertaken by the Permanent Bureau (PB) in 2019. The projects are listed chronologically.
2. Annex I of the Report comprises all pCA provided. It describes each project and its outcomes and chronicles the selection and prioritisation criteria as applied. It also identifies which entities supported the projects and whether support was provided in the form of funds or otherwise.
3. As per the terms and scope of the *Strategic Framework for Post-Convention Assistance*, this Report does not include general post-Convention activities and services.
4. Please also refer to “Preliminary Document No 18: Voluntary Contributions Report (1 January – 31 December 2019)” for more information about projects funded by Voluntary Contributions.
4. The PB takes this opportunity to thank all those who supported these Projects.

## ANNEX

## Annex I. Post-Convention assistance projects

Start Date	End Date	Activity	HCCH Instrument(s)	Description	Objective	Outcomes	Selection Criteria *	Prioritisation **	Donors and project support
11-11-2019	13-11-2019	1993 ICATAP Vietnam	HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention	Participation of the HCCH in a workshop on the good practices and challenges to implement the 1993 Adoption Convention and meetings with the Central Authority, Embassies, Adoption Accredited Bodies and UNICEF.	To have an overview of the implementation of the Convention in Vietnam, learn about the new developments and good practices and discuss possible ways to overcome challenges.	Over 40 people were trained at the Workshop. The Central Authority openly discussed ways to improve the implementation of the Convention, and what next steps they could take.	i; ii; iii; iv; v; vi; vii; viiia; viiib	i; ii; iv; v; vii; vii; viii; ix	Norway
1-11-2019	31-12-2019	1993 ICATAP Honduras	HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention	Second stage of pCa to Honduras on the 1993 Adoption Convention (after the approval of the adoption law on 10 January 2019 Decree No 102-2018); training on the implementation of the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention.	1. To provide legal advice to ensure that Honduras legislation on adoption matters ( <i>i.e.</i> , regulations, guidelines and manuals) is in line with the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention; 2. To observe the Central Authority in its daily work and review practices and procedures, to provide recommendations to ensure that the Central Authority is well-established and functioning effectively; 3. To train the relevant actors in order to ensure compliance with the standards of the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention; 4. To draft a comprehensive report to provide Honduran authorities with a comprehensive report with all recommendations.	1. Advice has been given to the competent authorities on how Honduras' legislation should be drafted in order to be in line with the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention; 2. Recommendations to ensure that the Central Authority is well-established and functioning effectively have been provided; 3. The Central Authority, the judiciary, other competent authorities, practitioners and other stakeholders have been trained and gained a better understanding of the 1993 Inter-country Adoption Convention; 4. A report for the Honduran Central Authority which assesses the current situation and includes recommendations has been drafted.	i; ii; iii; iv; v; vi; vii; viiia; viiib	i; ii; iv; v; vi; vii; viii; ix	Norway

Start Date	End Date	Activity	HCCH Instrument(s)	Description	Objective	Outcomes	Selection Criteria *	Prioritisation **	Donors and project support
25-9-2019	Ongoing	Assistance to Argentina on the HCCH 1980 Child Abduction Convention - Mediation	HCCH 1980 Child Abduction Convention	Assistance to the Argentine Supreme Court in the development of a Pilot Program on mediation for child abduction proceedings.	To develop a pilot program on mediation for child abduction proceedings.	Pilot project for the implementation of the mediation in the context of child abduction proceedings.	i; ii; iii; iv; v; vi; vii;	i; vii; viii	ROLAC (non-monetary)
1-5-2019	31-8-2019	1993 ICATAP Ecuador (follow-up)	HCCH 1993 Adoption Convention	Follow-up on the post-Convention assistance to Ecuador on the 1993 Adoption Convention.	1. To review the domestic regulations and procedure on adoption to ensure they are in line with the 1993 Adoption Convention and are well-integrated in the child protection system; 2. To provide recommendations to ensure that the Central Authority is functioning effectively and respects the 1993 Adoption Convention's requirements; 3. To provide the Ecuadorian authorities with a comprehensive report including recommendations.	1. Advice is given to the competent authorities on how Ecuador's legislation should be drafted in order to be in line with the 1993 Intercountry Adoption Convention and well-integrated in the child protection system; 2. Recommendations to ensure that the Central Authority is functioning effectively and respects the 1993 Convention's requirements has been provided; 3. A report which assesses the current situation and includes recommendations has been drafted.	i; ii; iii; iv; v; vi; vii; viiia; viiib	i; ii; iv; v; vi; vii; viii; ix	Norway and Australia
14-3-2019	15-3-2019	Training on the Apostille Convention in Tunis, Tunisia (follow-up)	HCCH 1961 Apostille Convention	Two-day training on the implementation of the 1961 Apostille Convention for Tunisian National Organ, Ministry Officials and Notaries.	1. To train the maximum number of notaries (who will be the Competent Authorities) throughout Tunisia on good practices and overcoming challenges 2. To make the 1961 Apostille Convention operational in Tunisia as soon as possible 3. To ensure that Tunisia designates a Competent Authority as soon as	1. Tunisia has now formally designated its Central Authorities (this occurred two weeks prior, giving rise to an even more urgent need for the training as Apostilles were being issued); 2. The majority of notaries throughout Tunisia have now been trained (and the remainder can be trained by those who	i; ii; iii; iv; v; vi; vii; viiia; viiib	i; ii; iv; iv; v; vi; vii; viii; ix	Tunisia

					possible. 4. To build upon the 2018 training, covering more aspects, in more detail	attended the sessions, using the videos of the sessions and other content); 3. The Ministry of Justice has issued its guidance circular on public documents for the purposes of the 1961 Apostille Convention; 4. The Ministry is also aware of the urgent need to establish a database of sample seals and signatures; 5. Participants became passionate and enthusiastic about the 1961 Apostille Convention and understand the intricacies of the Convention's implementation in a Tunisian context.			
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