

<b>Title</b>	Questionnaire in preparation of the Experts' Group meeting of 7 to 10 February 2022 on international transfers of maintenance funds
<b>Document</b>	Prel. Doc. No 17 of November 2021
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	TBD
<b>Mandate(s)</b>	C&D No 32 of CGAP 2021
<b>Objective</b>	To prepare for the Experts' Group meeting of February 2022 by collecting information on current arrangements regarding international transfers of maintenance funds. The Questionnaire should be completed <b>no later than 21 January 2022</b>
<b>Action to be Taken</b>	For Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Approval <input type="checkbox"/> For Decision <input type="checkbox"/> For Information <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Annexes</b>	N/A
<b>Related Documents</b>	Prel. Doc. No 11 of November 2019 – Report of the Experts' Group on international transfers of maintenance funds (incl. C&Rs 2019) Prel. Doc. No 10 of February 2021 – Report of the Experts' Group on international transfers of maintenance funds (incl. <i>aide-mémoire</i> 2021)

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- 1 At its 1 to 5 March 2021 meeting, the Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) of the HCCH concluded and decided as follows regarding the work of the Experts' Group (EG) on international transfers of maintenance funds:

“32. CGAP welcomed the progress made by the Experts' Group and invited the PB to make arrangements for a further online meeting ahead of the Special Commission meeting.”

- 2 In preparation of the 7 to 10 February 2022 videoconference meeting of the EG, to take place in the afternoon Central European Time, delegates / experts are invited to review Prel. Doc. No 11 of November 2019,<sup>1</sup> which includes the Conclusions and Recommendations of the first meeting of the EG in September 2019 (C&Rs 2019) that reflect existing good practices found in a number of States, as well as Prel. Doc. No 10 of February 2021,<sup>2</sup> which includes the *aide-mémoire* of the EG meeting that took place in February 2021 (*aide-mémoire* 2021). Delegates / experts are also invited to complete the following Questionnaire.
- 3 Membership of the EG is open to all Members of the HCCH regardless of whether they are Contracting Parties to the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention or not. To ensure the widest possible representation, any contributions or proposals from Members which have not yet participated in the work of the EG are welcome.

### *Instructions for completion of the Questionnaire*

- 4 The Questionnaire is not intended to be a follow-up to the 2020 Questionnaire. Therefore, delegates / experts are kindly requested to provide their responses as if they did not respond to the 2020 Questionnaire. This will provide a picture as to the state of play at the end of January 2022.
- 5 The Questionnaire is being sent to Central Authorities as well as National and Contact Organs. Central Authorities are asked to co-ordinate as appropriate between themselves and other competent authorities. For Contracting Parties to the Convention, Central Authorities are ultimately responsible for submitting the completed Questionnaire to the Permanent Bureau (PB).
- 6 We kindly request that the Questionnaire be completed **no later than 21 January 2022**. Any questions concerning the Questionnaire may be directed to [secretariat@hcch.net](mailto:secretariat@hcch.net).
- 7 The PB intends, except where expressly asked not to do so, to place all responses to the Questionnaire on the HCCH website ([www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net)). Please therefore clearly identify any responses which you do not want to be placed on the website.
- 8 The findings of the EG will inform the work of the Special Commission (SC) tentatively scheduled to take place between March and June 2022 (GCAP of 2021 C&D No 28). The precise dates of the SC will be announced in due course. Thank you for your kind co-operation as the PB prepares for the meeting of the SC in 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> CGAP Prel. Doc. No 11 of November 2019 “Report of the Experts' Group on international transfers of maintenance funds” is available at: <https://assets.hcch.net/docs/4def3f24-fde9-487a-9396-531105e196d5.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> CGAP Prel. Doc. No 10 of February 2021 “2007 Child Support Convention and Maintenance Protocol: Report of the Experts' Group on International Transfers of Maintenance Funds, meeting of 8 to 11 February 2021” is available at: <https://assets.hcch.net/docs/18f16f4d-2ef2-4587-a0ba-227414575e1b.pdf>.

## Questionnaire

**Name of State or territorial unit:<sup>[1]</sup>** [Please insert text here](#)

*For follow-up purposes. This information will not be published as part of the questionnaire response.*

Name of contact person: [Please insert text here](#)

Name of Authority / Office: [Please insert text here](#)

Telephone number: [Please insert text here](#)

E-mail address: [Please insert text here](#)

- 9 For the purpose of the 7 to 10 February 2022 meeting of the EG, delegates / experts are invited to report on consideration given to and / or implementation of the following arrangements in their jurisdiction:
- a. Developments in general regarding the international transfer of maintenance funds  
[Please insert text here](#)
  - b. Elimination of the use of cheques (see C&R 2019 No 1; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 11-14)
    - Not being considered. Please explain:  
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    - Is being considered. Please explain:  
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    - Has already been implemented. Please explain:  
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<sup>[1]</sup> The term “State” in this Questionnaire includes a territorial unit, where relevant.

- c. Solutions with regard to increased transparency and cost reduction of transfers and currency conversion (see C&R 2019 Nos 2 and 10; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 24-25)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- d. Solutions where creditors would not bear the costs related to the transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 2; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 26-29)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- e. Requested Central Authority arrangements with their bank to cover transfer fees or other arrangements to that effect (see C&R 2019 No 3; *aide-mémoire* 2021, para. 32)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- f. Requesting Central Authority providing confirmation to the requested Central Authority that the amounts received are the same as the amounts sent and, where applicable, information on the reasons for any difference (see C&R 2019 No 3; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 15-17)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- g. Establishment of a centralised point (e.g., bank account, central bank) for international transfers dedicated to both incoming and outgoing transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 Nos 4 and 5; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 33-35)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- h. Provision of payment transfer services to any debtors transferring payments within the scope of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention (see C&R 2019 No 5; *aide-mémoire* 2021, para. 18)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- i. Implementation of payment transfer monitoring systems (see C&R 2019 No 6; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 36-37)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- j. Implementation of unique case references, known to both the requesting and requested State, attached to each transfer of funds (see C&R 2019 No 7; *aide-mémoire* 2021, para. 20)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- k. Implementation of currency conversion of payments done by the relevant authority in the requested State at the time of transfer (see C&R 2019 No 8; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 21-23)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- l. Implementation of bundled payments to reduce costs of transfers (see C&R 2019 No 11; *aide-mémoire* 2021, paras 38-40)

Not being considered. Please explain:

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Is being considered. Please explain:

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Has already been implemented. Please explain:

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- m. Any other developments including bilateral solutions put in place between States and ongoing trials between States:

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Thank you!