

## Questionnaire on the impact of COVID-19 on intercountry adoptions under the 1993 Adoption Convention

<i>Identification for follow-up purposes:</i>	
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<b>I. OVERARCHING QUESTIONS</b>	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
1.	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has your State <b>modified</b> intercountry adoption procedures under the 1993 Adoption Convention? If so, what has your State done to ensure that the <b>safeguards and procedures</b> of the Convention have been, and continue to be, respected?</p> <p>The Dutch CA still accepts matching proposals during the Covid 19 pandemic. When there is period between granting the approval and the travel of the prospective adoptive parents due to travel restrictions for longer than 3 months, we request an update of the wellbeing of the child</p>
<b>II. OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 (cases in transition only)</b>	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
2.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the <b>child had already been matched</b> with prospective adoptive parents, but no adoption decision had been issued at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>n/a</p>
3.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the <b>adoption decision</b> had already been <b>issued</b>, but the <b>child was still in the State of origin</b> at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>When these situations occur we work closely with the NL embassies in order to see where there are possibilities in the country of origin to get the children and the parents united.</p>
<b>III. DURING COVID-19 (cases in transition and new cases)</b>	
	<u>States of origin only</u>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) Declaration of <b>adoptability</b> of the child:                  Please insert text here</p> <p>b) <b>Matching</b>:                  Please insert text here</p> <p>c) <b>Socialisation</b> period:                  Please insert text here</p> <p>d) <b>Support</b> and counselling to adoptable children:                  Please insert text here</p> <p>e) Adoption <b>decision</b>:                  Please insert text here</p> <p>f) Other stages:                  Please insert text here</p>
	<p><u>Receiving States only</u></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) <b>Eligibility</b> and <b>suitability</b> of prospective adoptive parents:                  The homestudy is still conducted by the Child care and protection board. When appropriate, the homestudy can be done online. However, this has not the preference of the Child care and protection board as well as the prospective adoptive parents.</p> <p>b) <b>Support</b> and counselling to prospective adoptive parents:                  prospective adoptive parents can always get in touch with the Adoption services and accredited agencies. In certain situations people can make use of digital assistance of one of the parties. When necessary, meetings take place having in mind all the Covid 19 regulations. which are applicable at that time</p> <p>c) Other stages:                  Preperations courses are postponed at this time. pending courses were digitally finalized. When restrictions allow, the courses will take place face to face as soon as possible</p>
<p><b>IV. USE OF TECHNOLOGY</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Has the use of technologies (e.g, videoconferencing) <b>evolved</b> in the adoption procedures in place in your State since the outbreak of COVID-19 in your State? Please specify:</p> <p>a) any <b>benefits</b> and <b>challenges</b>:</p>

	<p>The benefit is that all partners involved are finding their ways in the digital world. However, seen the sensitive field of intercountry adoption live meetings do have the preference.</p>
	<p>b) if your response to <b>question 72</b> (“Use of new technologies”) of the <a href="#">2020 Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (Prel. Doc. No 3)</a> has changed:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p>
<p><b>V. POST COVID-19: LOOKING AHEAD</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
7.	<p>Has your State developed any practices during this pandemic period that would be <b>useful to mainstream into regular work</b> practices? If so, please elaborate on what those practices are and how you plan to go about mainstreaming them into regular work practices:</p> <p>no.</p>
8.	<p>Please share any good practices and lessons learned by your State which may be applied in the event of <b>another pandemic or similar state of emergency</b>:</p> <p>Close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign affairs and with the embassies in the countries of origin.</p>
<p><b>VI. ANY OTHER COMMENTS</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
9.	<p>Please insert here any other comments you may have:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p>