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<b>Objective</b>	To obtain the approval of HCCH Members on the Country Profile - Update under the 2007 Child Support Convention. The Country Profile assists Contracting Parties with the fulfilment of their obligations under the 2007 Convention such as providing information on: (1) the authorities designated; (2) the services provided; and (3) a description of their laws and procedures concerning maintenance obligations. Changes highlighted in <b>yellow</b> show changes made to the September 2011 version of the document. In the absence of any objection to such changes within one month of its circulation, the Country Profile will be taken to be approved.
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## Foreword to the Country Profile

A Contracting State may use this Country Profile to fulfil its obligations to provide information to the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) under the *Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and other Forms of Family Maintenance* (2007 Convention or Convention) (see Art. 57(2)).

The document is divided into two stages. Stage 1 includes information provided through a series of tick boxes and required under Articles 4(3), 6(3) and 57 of the 2007 Convention and other information that will be necessary for the implementation of the Convention. Stage 2 includes additional information, in narrative form, necessary for the implementation of the Convention and fulfilment of the requirements of Article 57.

The purposes of the Country Profile are to describe how each of the Convention obligations will be met and how the laws and procedures concerning maintenance obligations are implemented, as well as to provide information to other Contracting States. The Country Profile is intended to facilitate:

- a) timely compliance with the obligations of the Convention with a minimum of administrative effort;
- b) information exchange between Contracting States;
- c) cost effective translation of the information provided by Contracting States into English, French, Spanish, and other languages as required by Contracting States;
- d) accurate and prompt case processing by well-informed caseworkers;
- e) knowledgeable service to applicants under the Convention;
- f) prompt updates of the information provided.

This Country Profile is based on the final text of the 2007 Convention as agreed at the Twenty-First Session of the HCCH.

This Country Profile is designed to reflect an implementation of the 2007 Convention where no declarations or reservations in relation to the compulsory scope of the Convention have been made.<sup>1</sup> If States file declarations to expand the scope of the Convention to other family members, an expanded Country Profile will be available in the near future to provide the necessary information. Declarations and reservations to the Convention can be found on the HCCH website (< [www.hcch.net](http://www.hcch.net) >).

The Country Profile is a standardised document that will be available to States to complete, view, and update electronically. States are to prepare the Country Profile to provide information to other States. Where multiple answers to the questions are appropriate, States are encouraged to tick all the tick boxes that apply. States made up of more than one territorial unit may choose to submit separate Country Profiles for each territorial unit.

States are encouraged to include Internet sites where that will provide additional relevant information. States should not provide an Internet site as a complete answer to any question.

The information in this Country Profile is not legal advice and should not be relied upon as a statement of the current law. For information on the current law on any particular issue, individuals should seek their own independent local legal advice.

For clarifications on Convention terminology and substantive matters, users are encouraged to consult the [Explanatory Report](#).

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<sup>1</sup> *I.e.*, maintenance obligations arising from a parent-child relationship towards a person under the age of 21 years; recognition and enforcement or enforcement of a decision for spousal support when the application is made with a claim within the scope of sub-paragraph a); and, with the exception of Chapters II and III, to spousal support.

## Stage 1

### I. Central and other authorities designated by [name of your State]

#### 1. Central Authority contact details (Art. 4)

1.1	Organisation	
1.2	Address	
1.3	Territorial and personal extent of functions, if applicable	
1.4	Telephone	
1.5	Fax	
1.6	Email	
1.7	Website	
1.8	Contact person 1	<p>Given name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Family name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Direct telephone:</p> <p>Direct email:</p> <p>Preferred language(s) of communication:</p> <p>Preferred method of communication:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other method of communication (please specify):</p>
1.9	Contact person 2, if applicable	<p>Given name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Family name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Direct telephone:</p> <p>Direct email:</p> <p>Preferred language(s) of communication:</p> <p>Preferred method of communication:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other method of communication (please specify):</p>

Last Update: [INSERT DATE]<sup>2</sup>

**2. Other designated Central Authority, if applicable (Art. 4)<sup>3</sup>**

2.1	Organisation	
2.2	Address	
2.3	Territorial and personal extent of functions, if applicable	
2.4	Telephone	
2.5	Fax	
2.6	Email	
2.7	Website	
2.8	Contact person 1	<p>Given name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Family name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Direct telephone:</p> <p>Direct email:</p> <p>Preferred language(s) of communication:</p> <p>Preferred method of communication:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other method of communication (please specify):</p>
2.9	Contact person 2, if applicable	<p>Given name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Family name: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Direct telephone:</p> <p>Direct email:</p> <p>Preferred language(s) of communication:</p> <p>Preferred method of communication:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Phone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fax</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other method of communication (please specify):</p>
Last Update: [INSERT DATE]		

<sup>2</sup> The “Last update” will be done automatically in the electronic format of the Profile.

<sup>3</sup> This section will be expandable in order to allow for the inclusion of additional Central Authorities.

### 3. Language requirements (Art. 44)

Applications and Related Documents	
<p>3.1 Does [name of your State] require that any application and related documents be accompanied by a translation into the official language(s) of [name of your State] or another language? If so, in what language?</p> <p>Article 44(1) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Into an official language of [name of your State]. Please specify the language:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Into another language. Please specify the language:</p>
<p>3.2 Does [name of your State] have more than one official language?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify the languages):</p>
<p>3.3 If [name of your State] has more than one official language in its territory and cannot, for reasons of internal law, accept, for the whole of [name of your State], documents in one of those languages, please specify the language in which documents or translations shall be drawn up for submission in the specified parts of its territory.</p> <p>Article 44(2) of the 2007 Convention</p>	
Other communications	
<p>3.4 For other communications between Central Authorities, does [name of your State] object to the use of either French or English?</p> <p>Articles 44(3) and 62 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Object to English</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Object to French</p>
Last Update: [INSERT DATE]	

## II. Coming into force and territorial application of the Convention in [name of your State]

### 4. Coming into force and territorial application

<p>4.1. When did the 2007 Convention enter into force in [name of your State]?</p>	
<p>4.2. Has [name of your State] objected to the accession of another State to the 2007 Convention?</p> <p>Article 58(5) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>Please consult the HCCH website, under the “<a href="#">Child Support Section</a>”, then “<a href="#">Status table</a>” and “<a href="#">A**</a>” (Accession giving rise to an objection procedure; click on A** for details of objections to the accession)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>4.3. If [name of your State] consists of two or more territorial units, has [name of</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please elaborate):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>[your State] made a declaration under Article 61?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</p>
<p>4.4. If [name of your State] is comprised of one or more overseas territories, please provide information about the applicability of the 2007 Convention to them.</p>	<p>Please list the territories that are <b>bound</b> by the 2007 Convention:</p> <p>Please list the territories that are <b>not</b> bound by the 2007 Convention:</p>
<p><b>Last Update: [INSERT DATE]</b></p>	

**5. General functions of Central Authorities (Arts 5, 6(1) and 6(3) and 51)<sup>4</sup>**

<p>5.1 Can the functions of the Central Authorities be performed by public bodies, or other bodies subject to the supervision of the competent authorities of [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 6(3) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please complete question 5.2 below</p>
<p>5.2 Designation and contact details of any such public bodies or other bodies and the extent of their functions.</p> <p>Article 6(3) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Extent of functions:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Fax:</p> <p>E-mail:</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>Contact person(s):</p>
<p>5.3 How does [name of your State] initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings in respect of applications under Chapter III?</p> <p>Article 6(1)(b) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority initiates such proceedings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority <b>does not</b> initiate such proceedings. It <b>facilitates the initiation of proceedings by referring</b> the matter to the appropriate public body <b>that initiates</b> such proceedings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>
<p>5.4 Does [name of your State] have an agreement with another Contracting State for the purpose of improving the application of the Convention between [name of your State] and that other Contracting State?</p> <p>Article 51 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral agreement (please specify): <i>Please provide the title of the agreement and, if available, a web link to the agreement</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): <i>Please provide the title of the agreement and, if available, a web link to the agreement</i></p>

<sup>4</sup> This section will be expandable in order to allow for the inclusion of additional authorities.



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**6. Effective access to procedures (Art. 14)**

<p>6.1 How does [name of your State] provide applicants with effective access to procedures?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> [name of your State] provides free legal assistance in accordance with Articles 14 to 17 (Art. 14(2))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [name of your State] has procedures that enable the applicant to make the case without the need for legal assistance and the Central Authority provides such services as are necessary free of charge (Art. 14(3))</p>
<p>6.2 If [name of your State] has procedures that enable the applicant to make the case without the need for legal assistance and the Central Authority provides such services as are necessary free of charge (Art. 14(3)), please indicate the services available in [name of your State].</p> <p><i>Please tick all the boxes that apply.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is the competent authority and provides all necessary services with respect to the application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority initiates proceedings by submitting the application to the competent authority and provides all necessary services with respect to the application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to a public body for submission to the competent authority. The public body provides all necessary services with respect to the application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to another body subject to the supervision of the competent authority. This body provides all necessary services with respect to the application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>

Last Update: [INSERT DATE]

**7. Specific functions of the Central Authorities in relation to applications under Chapter III (Art. 6(2))**

<p>7.1 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] provide or facilitate the provision of legal assistance in its jurisdiction?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(a) of the 2007 Convention and for the definition of “legal assistance” see Art. 3(c) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is not required in most cases. Administrative assistance is provided. Legal assistance is provided where required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided in all proceedings, including appeals</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p><u>Where legal assistance is required:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by lawyers employed by the Central Authority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by lawyers employed in State legal assistance bodies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal assistance is provided by private lawyers and funded by the State</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain):</p>
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<p>7.2 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] help locate a debtor or creditor resident in its territory? Article 6(2)(b) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority conducts a search, using the following publicly available directories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone directory</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Electoral roll</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority conducts a search, using the following government databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social security database</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Taxation database</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Employment database</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation database</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers a locate request to an appropriate public body, which provides locate services. Please provide details:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers a locate request to a private entity, which provides locate services. Please provide details:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority searches population registry databases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other steps taken to locate the debtor or creditor (please specify):</p>
<p>7.3 As a requested State, how does the Central Authority in [name of your State] help obtain within its territory relevant information concerning the income and if necessary other financial circumstances, including the location of assets, of resident debtors or creditors? Article 6(2)(c) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has access to the following information through available databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Salaries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other income</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tax information</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Receipt of public assistance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Financial institution records</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of motor vehicles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Land and title registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Moveable property registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers the application to the appropriate public body that can obtain relevant financial and asset information. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will contact the debtor or creditor and request that the individual provide information about their financial circumstances</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will exercise legal powers to require that information be provided by persons or bodies, where applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>
<p>7.4 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] encourage amicable solutions with a view to obtaining</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes is mandatory in every recovery of maintenance case</p>

<p>voluntary payment of maintenance, where suitable by use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(d) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes is encouraged in every recovery of maintenance case</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation, or similar processes depends upon the facts of the case. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> As a general rule, before introducing an enforcement procedure, an amicable solution is sought with the debtor, to whom the possibility to make voluntary payments is offered</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>steps taken to encourage amicable solutions</b> (please specify):</p>
<p>7.5 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate the ongoing enforcement of maintenance decisions including any arrears?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(e) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority has enforcement responsibility. Enforcement remedies are listed in Stage 1, Part IV, question 21</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority refers an application requiring ongoing enforcement to the appropriate public body. Enforcement remedies are listed in Stage 1, Part IV, question 21</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>steps taken to facilitate enforcement</b> (please specify):</p>
<p>7.6 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate the collection and expeditious transfer of maintenance payments?</p> <p><i>For information on transfers from the perspective of the requesting State, please refer to question 23 below.</i></p> <p>Article 6(2)(f) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><u>Collection of payments within the requested State</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is responsible for the collection of maintenance payments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is not responsible for the collection of maintenance. It refers an application requiring ongoing collection to the appropriate public body</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority is not responsible for the collection of maintenance payments. This collection is handled privately. Please indicate how these payments should be made:</p> <p><u>Methods of collection</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments must be made to a central location</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made at local locations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment may be made by preauthorised withdrawal from a financial institution account</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by payroll deductions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by cheque or warrant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by credit card</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made by electronic funds transfer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be made in cash</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>methods of collection</b> (please specify):</p>

	<p>Transfer of payments to the requesting State <b>from [name of your State]</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority or public body is responsible for transferring maintenance payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be transferred by cheque</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Payments may be transferred by electronic funds transfer</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority, upon request from a Central Authority in the requesting State, will obtain and provide information from the appropriate public body concerning the transfer of maintenance payments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>means provided by the Central Authority to facilitate the transfer of payments</b> (please specify):</p>
<p>7.7 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence domestically?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law, the Central Authority is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Issuing an administrative subpoena to obtain documentary or other evidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Referring the matter to the appropriate competent authority to obtain documentary or other evidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seeking the voluntary submission of documentary or other evidence</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>assistance provided</b> (please specify):</li> </ul>
<p>7.8 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate the obtaining of documentary or other evidence abroad? To which international instruments for the obtaining of documentary evidence or other evidence abroad is [name of your State] a Contracting party?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p> <p>Please consult the HCCH website for the contact details of the Central Authorities under HCCH Conventions.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The following international instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1970 HCCH Evidence Convention (<b>please consult the <a href="#">Country Profiles under the 1970 Evidence Convention</a></b>)<sup>5</sup></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1954 HCCH Civil Procedure Convention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Another international instrument</b> (please specify):</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where no international instrument is applied, [name of your State] applies rules for the obtaining of evidence abroad under domestic law or under an instrument of a Regional Economic Integration Organisation</p>
<p>7.9 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] provide assistance in establishing parentage where necessary for the recovery of maintenance?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will provide the following assistance, if necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Co-ordinate genetic testing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a voluntary acknowledgment of parentage</li> </ul>

<sup>5</sup> Note: The 1970 Evidence Country Profile is currently being updated within the context of the e-CP project. This hyperlink will need to be updated once the new e-CP for Evidence is live on the HCCH website. *This footnote will be deleted once the Country Profile is approved.*

<p>Article 6(2)(h) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a legal determination of parentage through a judicial proceeding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seek a legal determination of parentage through an administrative proceeding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other assistance provided (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority will refer an application, where the establishment of parentage is necessary for the recovery of maintenance, to the appropriate competent authority. Please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If [name of your State] is a Contracting Party to the 1954 HCCH Civil Procedure Convention or the 1970 HCCH Evidence Convention or another international instrument, the Central Authority is able to provide advice on the appropriate procedures</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other assistance provided (please specify):</p>
<p>7.10 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] initiate or facilitate the institution of proceedings to obtain any necessary provisional measures that are territorial in nature and the purpose of which is to secure the outcome of a pending maintenance application (e.g., freezing or attaching an asset)?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(i) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority initiates such proceedings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Central Authority does not initiate such proceedings. It facilitates the initiation of proceedings by referring the matter to the appropriate public body that initiates such proceedings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Such provisional measures are not available under domestic law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other steps can be taken to secure the outcome of a pending maintenance application (please specify):</p>
<p>7.11 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate service of documents domestically?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(j) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law the Central Authority is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Service of documents</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forwarding the documents needing to be served to the appropriate public body</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Forwarding the documents needing to be served to a private contractor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other assistance provided (please specify):</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Under domestic law the Central Authority provides notification in lieu of service</p>
<p>7.12 How does the Central Authority in [name of your State] facilitate the service abroad of documents? To which international instruments on the service abroad of</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The following international instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1965 HCCH Service Convention (please consult the Country Profile under the 1965 Service Convention)<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>6</sup> Note: There is currently no Country Profile page on the website for this Convention - the hyperlink will be added once the Country Profile becomes available. This footnote will be deleted once the Country Profile is approved.

<p>documents is [name of your State] a Contracting Party?</p> <p>Article 6(2)(j) of the Convention</p> <p>Please consult the HCCH website for the contact details of the Central Authorities under HCCH Conventions.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1954 HCCH Civil Procedure Convention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Another international instrument (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where no international instrument is applied, [name of your State] applies rules for the service abroad of documents under domestic law or under an instrument of a Regional Economic Integration Organisation</p>
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### III. Information concerning applications under the Convention

#### 8. Means of communication (Art. 13)

<p>8.1 Which secure means of communication are generally accepted in [name of your State] to receive applications / requests / related documents?</p> <p><i>Please tick all boxes that apply.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Mail</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> iSupport with e-CODEX / An electronic communication system using e-CODEX that is interoperable with iSupport</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secure e-mail</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secure drop box</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other secure means of communication (please specify):</p>
<p>8.2 If applications / requests can be received through secure electronic communications in [name of your State], are there any documents that still need to be sent by mail?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No document needs to be sent by mail</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The following documents still need to be sent by mail (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applications and requests (please specify which types of applications and requests):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Certified documents</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other documents supporting an application and / or request</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgments of receipt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Status reports</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other documents (please specify):</p>
<p>8.3 What means of communication are generally accepted in [name of your State] for the purpose of receiving communications other than applications / requests / related documents?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> iSupport with e-CODEX / An electronic communication system using e-CODEX that is interoperable with iSupport</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secure emails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email (not for the transmission of personal data)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secure drop box</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other means of communication (please specify):
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**9. Applications for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a decision (Art. 10(1)(a) and 10(2)(a))**

9.1	<p>Has [name of your State] made a reservation to a basis for recognition and enforcement under Article 20(1)(c) and (f) of the Convention?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No reservation has been made</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a reservation has been made for the following bases:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The creditor was habitually resident in the State of origin at the time proceedings were instituted</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The decision was made by an authority exercising jurisdiction on a matter of personal status or parental responsibility, unless that jurisdiction was based solely on the nationality of one of the parties</p>
9.2	<p>The following is information required by Articles 11 and 25 of the 2007 Convention to be included in an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance decision made in another Contracting State.</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required)</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known)</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required)</p>
9.3	<p>According to Articles 11(3) and 25 of the 2007 Convention, the following documents are the only documents that a State can require for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance decision made in another Contracting State.</p>	<p><b>Decisions</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the decision or decisions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete copy of the decision certified by the competent authority in the State of origin (Art. 25(3)(a))</p>



<p><b>Please tick all boxes that apply.</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> An abstract or extract of the decision drawn up by the competent authority of the State of origin, in lieu of the complete text of the decision or decisions (Art. 25(3)(b)):</p> <p><b>Recognition and enforcement</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document stating that the decision is enforceable in the State of origin (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision by an administrative authority, a document stating that the requirements of Article 19(3) are met unless that State has specified in accordance with Article 57 that decisions of its administrative authorities always meet those requirements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [name of your State] does not require a document stating that the requirements of Article 19(3) are met</p> <p><b>Proper notice / opportunity to be heard</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the respondent did not appear and was not represented in the proceedings in the State of origin, a document or documents attesting, as appropriate, either that the respondent had proper notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard, or that the respondent had proper notice of the decision and the opportunity to challenge or to appeal it on fact and law (required)</p> <p><b>Arrears</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (required, if there are arrears to be enforced)</p> <p><b>Indexation</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (necessary where the decision provides for automatic adjustment by indexation)]</p> <p><b>Legal assistance</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (required, where necessary)</p>
<p>9.4 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to recognise and enforce a decision? If so, please provide a link to a website.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes - the form is available through a linked website (please provide):</p>
<p>9.5 Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):</p>



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**10. Applications for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement (Art. 30)**

10.1	<p>Has [name of your State] made a reservation in accordance with Article 62 reserving the right not to recognise and enforce a maintenance arrangement?</p> <p>Article 30(8) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No reservation has been made</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a reservation has been made</p>
10.2	<p>Has [name of your State] made a declaration in accordance with Article 63 that applications for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement can only be made through Central Authorities?</p> <p>Article 30(7) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No declaration has been made</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a declaration has been made. Please consult the HCCH website.</p>
10.3	<p>The following is information required by Article 11 of the 2007 Convention to be included in an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made in another Contracting State.</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required)</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known)</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required)</p>
10.4	<p>According to Article 30(3) of the 2007 Convention, the following documents shall be provided with an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the maintenance arrangement (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A document stating that the particular maintenance arrangement is enforceable as a decision in the State of origin (required)</p>

<p>arrangement made in another Contracting State.</p>	
<p>10.5 In addition to the documents required under Article 30(3) of the 2007 Convention, what other documents should accompany an application for recognition or recognition and enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made in another Contracting State?</p> <p>Articles 11(3) and 25 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (if there are arrears to be enforced)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (necessary where the arrangement provides for automatic adjustment by indexation)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other documents (please specify):</p>
<p>10.6 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to recognise and enforce a maintenance arrangement? If so, please provide a link to a website.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is available through a linked website (please provide):</p>
<p>10.7 Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance?</p> <p>Article 36 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):</p>
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**11. Applications for enforcement of a decision made or recognised in [name of your State] (Art. 10(1)(b))**

<p>11.1 In addition to pre-ticked application contents required by Article 11 of the 2007 Convention, what <u>information</u> does [name of your State] need in order to process an application for enforcement of a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of your State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other information to be provided (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p>
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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information to be provided</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information to be provided</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information to be provided</b> (please specify):</p>
<p>11.2 Has [name of your State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 11(1)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <b>declaration has been made</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <b>a declaration has been made.</b> Please consult the HCCH website</p>
<p>11.3 In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of your State]?</p> <p>Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the decision or decisions</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete copy of the decision certified by the competent authority in the State of origin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (where necessary)</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (where necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary) <input type="checkbox"/> Other documents to be provided (please specify)
11.4 Can [name of your State] accept an application to enforce a decision for a prior period only (e.g., retroactive maintenance decision or arrears-only decision)?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify any requirements for such an application):
11.5 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to enforce a maintenance decision made or recognised in [name of your State]? If possible, please provide a link.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is available through a linked website (please provide):
11.6 Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance?  Article 36 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):
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**12. Applications for enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of your State] (Arts 30(2) and 10(1)(b))**

12.1 In addition to pre-ticked application contents required by Article 11 of the 2007 Convention, what information does [name of your State] need in order to process an application for enforcement of a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of your State]?  ** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.	<b>About the applicant:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):  <b>About the respondent:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known) <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known <input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known
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	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the respondent, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other information (please specify):</p>
<p>12.2 Has [name of your State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 11(1)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No declaration has been made</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a declaration has been made. Please consult the HCCH website</p>
<p>12.3 In addition to documents specified by declaration, what documents should accompany an application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of your State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete text of the decision or decisions:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A complete copy of the decision certified by the competent authority in the State of origin:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A document showing the amount of any arrears and the date such amount was calculated (where necessary):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In the case of a decision providing for automatic adjustment by indexation, a document providing the information necessary to make the appropriate calculations (where necessary):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation showing the extent to which the applicant received free legal assistance in the State of origin (where necessary):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other documents (please specify):</p>
<p>12.4 Can [name of your State] accept an application to enforce a maintenance</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>arrangement for a prior period only (e.g., retroactive maintenance arrangement or arrears-only maintenance arrangement)?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify any requirements for such an application):</p>
<p>12.5 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to enforce a maintenance arrangement made or recognised in [name of your State]? If possible, please provide a link.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes – the form is available through a linked website (please provide):</p>
<p>12.6 Are there any differences to the information above when the application is made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance?</p> <p>Article 36 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):</p>
<p>Last Update: [INSERT DATE]</p>	

**13. Applications to establish a decision in [name of your State] (Art. 10(1)(c) and (d))**

<p>13.1 In any action to establish maintenance, including Article 10(1)(c) and (d) applications, what are the jurisdictional bases in [name of your State] for establishing a maintenance decision?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The debtor is habitually resident in [name of your State] at the time proceedings are instituted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The debtor submits to the jurisdiction either expressly or by defending on the merits of the case without objecting to the jurisdiction at the first available opportunity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The creditor is habitually resident in [name of your State] at the time proceedings are instituted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child for whom maintenance is sought is habitually resident in [name of your State] at the time proceedings are instituted, provided that the debtor has lived with the child in [name of your State] or has resided in [name of your State] and provided maintenance for the child there</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The authority has jurisdiction on a matter of personal status or parental responsibility that is not based solely on the nationality of one of the parties</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the creditor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the person for whom maintenance is sought</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nationality of the debtor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>
<p>13.2 In any action to establish maintenance, including Article 10(1)(c) and (d) applications, could the law of another State apply for the establishment of a maintenance decision?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 HCCH Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law)</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> 1956 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law) <input type="checkbox"/> Another international instrument, agreement or reciprocity arrangement (please specify):
<p>13.3 When making an application for establishment, is it possible to seek enforcement of a decision by indicating so in the application?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, another application is not needed if enforcement is requested in the application for establishment <input type="checkbox"/> No, a separate application for enforcement is required
<p>13.4 In addition to pre-ticked application contents required by Article 11 of the 2007 Convention, what information does [name of your State] need in order to process an application to establish a maintenance decision?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the Social security number) <input type="checkbox"/> Other information (please specify): <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known) <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known <input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the debtor, as appropriate, and to the extent known <input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number) <input type="checkbox"/> Other information (please specify): <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Identification of parents <input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements



	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify): <u>Other information:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Amount of maintenance sought by the applicant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the creditor's representative, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Case history, please specify ( <i>i.e.</i> , if there is an agreement between the parties or not) <input type="checkbox"/> Family history, please specify ( <i>i.e.</i> , if the parties were married, how many children) <input type="checkbox"/> The date from which maintenance is requested <input type="checkbox"/> The applicant's view of the appropriate amount of maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):
<p>13.5 Has [name of your State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to establish a maintenance decision in [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 11(1)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>declaration has been made</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <b>a declaration has been made.</b> Please consult the HCCH website
<p>13.6 In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to establish a maintenance decision? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p> <p>Article 11(3) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of birth (birth certificate) <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence supporting an obligation to provide maintenance. <b>Please see Stage 1, Part II, question 13.9.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Financial statement: <input type="checkbox"/> Creditor <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Person having care of the child. <input type="checkbox"/> Documents supporting the financial statement above ( <i>e.g.</i> , salary statement, income tax declaration, health insurance invoice); please specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Child who has not reached the age of majority: <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of attendance at secondary or post-secondary educational institution ( <b><i>e.g.</i>, college or university</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>(please specify)</b> : <input type="checkbox"/> Child who has reached the age of majority:



	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of attendance at secondary or post-secondary educational institution (e.g., college or university) <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):  <input type="checkbox"/> Any existing maintenance decisions or written agreements between the parties, or relating to any person for whom maintenance is sought <input type="checkbox"/> Decision of the requested State to refuse recognition and enforcement (where applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Other documents (please specify):
<p>13.7 Is there a time limit before which an applicant must seek a decision establishing a maintenance obligation? If so, please indicate the time limit that applies.</p> <p>** It is important to note that a law other than the law of the requested State may be applicable.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the application must be made: <input type="checkbox"/> Within _____ years after the parents separate <input type="checkbox"/> Before the expiration of the duration of support (see Stage 1, Part III, question 16.8) <input type="checkbox"/> Within another time frame (please specify the time limit):
<p>13.8 Is it necessary for an applicant to prove that an obligation to provide maintenance exists when an application is made to establish a maintenance decision?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>13.9 If yes to question 13.8, by what means can an applicant prove that an obligation to provide maintenance exists?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a marriage certificate showing that the debtor was married to a parent of the child when the child was born <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a civil union certificate showing that the debtor was in a civil union with a parent of the child when the child was born <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor was living with the parent of the child when the child was born <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a marriage certificate showing that the debtor was married to a parent of the child when the child was conceived <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a civil union certificate showing that the debtor was in a civil union with a parent of the child when the child was conceived <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor was living with a parent of the child when the child was conceived <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the debtor is a parent of the child <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a birth certificate showing that the debtor is listed as a parent of the child

	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of an entry in a birth registry showing that the debtor is listed as a parent of the child <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a document in which the alleged debtor has acknowledged parentage <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of an adoption certificate stating that the debtor has legally adopted the child <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of genetic test results that indicate a high probability that the debtor is a parent of the child <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that for the first two years of the child’s life, the debtor resided in the same household with the child and openly held the child out as the party’s own <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a copy of a decision in which a competent authority has established parentage <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant provides a formal statement stating that the applicant has care and control of the child <input type="checkbox"/> Other means can be used to establish that an obligation to provide child support exists (please specify):
<p>13.10 Is there any time limit for establishing parentage or an obligation to provide maintenance? If so, please indicate the time limit that applies.</p> <p>** It is important to note that a law other than the law of the requested State may be applicable.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the application must be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Before expiration of the duration of support (see Stage 1, Part III, question 16.8)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Before the child is aged 2</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Before the child is aged 5</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other limitation applies (please specify):</li> </ul>
<p>13.11 What costs arise in [name of your State] for the applicant when obtaining a maintenance decision, including appeal procedures? Please include all costs arising in practice.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Court costs <input type="checkbox"/> Fees for an administrative authority <input type="checkbox"/> Costs for experts <input type="checkbox"/> Legal costs <input type="checkbox"/> Other costs (please specify):
<p>13.12 Can the applicant claim reimbursement from the debtor of expenses incurred (e.g., for a lawyer)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify which costs can be claimed and any requirements for the claim):
<p>13.13 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to establish a maintenance decision? If so, please provide a link to a website.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the form is available through a linked website (please provide):
<p>13.14 Are there any differences to the information above when the application is</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No

<p>made by a public body acting in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or by a public body which claims reimbursement of benefits provided in place of maintenance?</p> <p>Article 36 of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):</p>
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**14. Applications to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of your State] (Art. 10(1)(e) and 10(2)(b))**

<p>14.1 In any action to modify a maintenance decision, under Article 10(1)(e) and 10(2)(b) applications, could the law of another State apply for the modification of maintenance decisions?</p> <p>Please tick all the boxes that apply.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 HCCH Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1956 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Another international instrument, agreement or reciprocity arrangement (please specify):</p>
<p>14.2 In addition to pre-ticked application contents required by Article 11 of the 2007 Convention, what information does [name of your State] need in order to process an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of your State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><u>About the applicant:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the Social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other information (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p>

	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the <b>respondent</b>, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Modified amount of maintenance sought by the applicant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p>
<p>14.3 Has [name of your State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to modify a maintenance decision in [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 11(1)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No <b>declaration has been made</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <b>a declaration has been made.</b> Please consult the HCCH website</p>
<p>14.4 In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of your State]? Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete text of the decision or decisions:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special expense claim:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salary statement establishing a change in income:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Written agreement between the parties related to modification of the maintenance:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information identifying the decision to be modified:</p>

	<input type="checkbox"/> Latest income tax declaration of the applicant, if possible: <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>documents</b> (please specify):
14.5 In what circumstances can an application be made for modification of a maintenance decision made in [name of your State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the child have changed so as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the debtor have changed so as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the creditor have changed so as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> The circumstances of the person having care of the child have changed so as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> The care arrangements for the child have changed so as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> The cost of living has changed to such an extent as to justify the modification <input type="checkbox"/> If the decision was made by consent, the amount ordered to be paid is no longer appropriate or adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>circumstances</b> (please specify):
14.6 Can the modification be made retroactively?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify the basis and any limitations on a decision for retroactive maintenance:
14.7 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to modify a maintenance decision made in [name of your State]? If so, please <b>provide a</b> link to a website.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the form is available through a linked website (please provide):
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**15. Applications to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of your State] (Art. 10(1)(f) and 10(2)(c))**

15.1 In any action to modify a maintenance decision, under Article 10(1)(f) and 10(2)(c) applications, could the law of another State apply for the modification of a maintenance decision?  Please <b>tick</b> all <b>the boxes</b> that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in accordance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2007 HCCH Maintenance Applicable Law Protocol</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1973 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1956 HCCH Maintenance Convention (Applicable Law)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Another international instrument, agreement or reciprocity arrangement</b> (please specify):</li> </ul>
15.2 In addition to application contents required by Article 11 of the Convention, what <u>information</u> does [name of your	<b>About the applicant:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)

<p>State] need in order to process an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of your State]?</p> <p>** It is important to note that provisions on the protection of personal data, confidentiality and non-disclosure of information to protect the health, safety or liberty of a person are contained in Articles 38, 39 and 40 of the 2007 Convention.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact details (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assets and liabilities, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the Social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the respondent:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required if known)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address (required if known)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Telephone number, if known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial circumstances, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name and address of employer, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature and location of assets, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any other information that may assist in locating the debtor, as appropriate, and to the extent known</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>About the person for whom maintenance is sought:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full name (required);</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of birth (required)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Care arrangements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal identification number (such as the social security number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):</p> <p><u>Other information:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature of the application (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The grounds upon which the application is based (required)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the applicant is the creditor or the representative of the creditor, information concerning where the maintenance payment should be sent or electronically transmitted (required)</p>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The name and contact details of the person or unit from the Central Authority responsible for processing the application (required) <input type="checkbox"/> Modified amount of maintenance sought by the applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>information</b> (please specify):
<p>15.3 Has [name of your State] specified by declaration any documents that must accompany the application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of your State]?</p> <p>Article 11(1)(g) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <b>declaration has been made</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <b>a declaration has been made</b> . Please consult the HCCH website
<p>15.4 In addition to documents specified by declaration, what <u>documents</u> should accompany an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of your State]?</p> <p>Please specify if certification is required for copies.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete text of the decision or decisions: <input type="checkbox"/> Special expense claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Salary statement establishing a change in income: <input type="checkbox"/> Written agreement between the parties related to modification of the maintenance: <input type="checkbox"/> Information identifying the decision to be modified: <input type="checkbox"/> Latest income tax declaration of the applicant, if possible: <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>documents</b> (please specify):
<p>15.5 In [name of your State], are the circumstances for modification of a maintenance decision made in another State the same as the circumstances for modification of a maintenance decision made in [name of your State]?</p> <p><b>** It is important to note that a law other than the law of the requested State may be applicable.</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No. Please specify the difference: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. See reply to Stage 1, Part II, question 10.6 above
<p>15.6 Does [name of your State] have a prescribed or preferred form for an application to modify a maintenance decision made in a State other than [name of your State]? If so, please <b>provide a</b> link to a website.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - the standard <a href="#">recommended form</a> published by the HCCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - the form is available through a linked website (please provide):
<p>15.7 Can the modification be made retroactively?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No, <b>a retroactive modification may not be made</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify the basis and any limitations <b>on the retroactive modification of maintenance</b> ):
<p>15.8 If the State of origin modifies a maintenance decision after [name of your State] have recognised it, can [name of your State] recognise the modification?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify key steps or requirements and any limitations <b>on the recognition of the modified decision</b> ):

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**IV. Information as to the laws and procedures concerning maintenance obligations in [name of your State]**

**16. Maintenance obligations in respect of a child (Art. 57)**

<p>16.1 What legislation applies to child maintenance obligations in [name of your State]? Provide a link to a website if possible.</p>	
<p>16.2 Who is eligible to benefit from child maintenance? <i>Please tick all boxes that apply.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> For any child regardless of status or <input type="checkbox"/> For a child that falls into one or more of the following categories: <input type="checkbox"/> Child born in wedlock <input type="checkbox"/> Child born out of wedlock <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledged by the father <input type="checkbox"/> Not yet acknowledged by the father <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted child <input type="checkbox"/> Any child for whom a person stands in place of a parent (<i>in loco parentis</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>
<p>16.3 Who is the creditor in a child maintenance matter? <i>See, also, question 16.4 below.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Custodial parent or other person responsible for the child <input type="checkbox"/> Public bodies <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p>
<p>16.4 Who can make an application for a child creditor? <i>See the "Particulars of the applicant" sections in the <a href="#">recommended forms</a>.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The child for whom maintenance is sought or payable <input type="checkbox"/> The representative of the child for whom maintenance is sought or payable</p>
<p>16.5 What can be included in a child maintenance decision made in [name of your State]?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Periodic payments for child maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Lump sum payments <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare expenses <input type="checkbox"/> Extra-curricular activities <input type="checkbox"/> Dental or medical expenses <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney's fees <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary expenses, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> Costs of the competent authority, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>



<p>16.6 Can a child maintenance decision made in [name of your State] be subject to automatic adjustment?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify the mechanisms and frequency:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By indexation (please specify the frequency):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other mechanisms for adjustments to which the decision can be subject (please specify the frequency):</p>
<p>16.7 Can a child maintenance decision be made retroactively in [name of your State]? If so, what is the earliest date from which a decision can apply? Please specify any limitations.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child's date of birth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date that proceedings are initiated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date of separation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Date of the suspension of voluntary payments</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A certain amount of time from the initiation of the proceedings, please specify:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any limitation, please specify:</p>
<p>16.8 Until what age can a child maintenance obligation be established? Please provide a citation to the laws of [name of your State].</p> <p>Article 32(4) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Until 18 years of age:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Until 19 years of age:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Until 21 years of age:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</p>
<p>16.9 In what circumstances can child maintenance end before the usual duration?</p> <p>Article 32(4) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The child is emancipated before the usual duration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child is no longer under the care of the creditor and there is no decision re-directing payments to someone else</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child marries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child is adopted by someone other than the debtor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child has been removed from the family and is a civil ward of the State</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The maintenance decision states that child maintenance ceases prior to the usual duration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other circumstances where the child maintenance can end before the usual duration of child support (please specify):</p>
<p>16.10 Can child maintenance extend beyond the usual duration?</p> <p>Article 32(4) of the 2007 Convention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, maintenance cannot extend beyond the usual duration</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, maintenance can be extended in the following circumstances. Please tick all boxes that apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enable the child to complete secondary education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To enable a child to complete post-secondary education (e.g., college or university);</p>

	<p><input type="checkbox"/> If a child is past the usual duration and under the parent’s charge but unable, by reason of illness, disability or other cause, to withdraw from that charge or to obtain the necessities of life</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other circumstances where child support can be extended beyond the usual duration (please specify):</p>
<p>16.11 Who is entitled to make a claim for enforcement of child maintenance after the child reaches the age of majority?</p> <p><i>Please tick all boxes that apply.</i></p>	<p>Regarding arrears accrued before the child reached the age of majority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child themselves (who is at this stage an adult)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Person who is entitled to maintenance according to the child maintenance decision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public bodies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p> <p>Regarding the amounts owed for the time after the child has reached the age of majority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The child themselves (who is at this stage an adult)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Person who is entitled to maintenance according to the child maintenance decision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public bodies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p>
<p>16.12 Must other proceedings be initiated or finalised before a child maintenance decision can be made in [name of your State]?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No other proceedings are required</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other proceedings are required (please specify):</p> <p><u>If parties are married:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Divorce proceedings must be initiated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Divorce proceedings must be finalised</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spousal property proceedings must be initiated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spousal property proceedings must be finalised</p> <p><u>If parties are / were married:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child custody proceedings must be initiated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Child custody proceedings must be finalised</p> <p><u>If child was born outside of marriage:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parentage proceedings must be initiated</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parentage proceedings must be finalised</p>
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**17. Competent authorities responsible for maintenance decisions and maintenance arrangements in [name of your State] (Art. 57)**

17.1	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to recognise and enforce maintenance decisions?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority
17.2	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to enforce maintenance decisions?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority
17.3	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to establish maintenance decisions?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions of this administrative authority always meet the requirements of Article 19(3)
17.4	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to modify maintenance decisions?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority <input type="checkbox"/> Decisions of this administrative authority always meet the requirements of Article 19(3)
17.5	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to recognise and enforce maintenance arrangements?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority
17.6	Which authority in [name of your State] is competent to enforce maintenance arrangements?  Article 57 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Judicial authority <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
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**18. Information regarding systems for providing benefits in place of maintenance (Art. 36)**

Does [name of your State] have any public bodies that act in place of an individual to whom maintenance is owed or any public bodies to which reimbursement may be owed for benefits provided to the creditor in place of maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please give a brief outline of the system):
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**V. Information concerning enforcement rules and procedures in [name of your State]**

**19. General information about enforcement in [name of your State] (Art. 57(1)(d))**

19.1	Is there a time limitation for enforcement of maintenance?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, there is no limit for enforcement
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Article 57(1)(d) of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, there are applicable time limits (please specify):
19.2 Are there other limitations to enforcement?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, other limitations apply (please specify):
19.3 Can a debtor claim forfeiture of a maintenance claim due to the inaction of the creditor?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, there is no ranking of creditors <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):
19.4 Is a ranking applied to creditors where there are several maintenance obligations from different previous relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, maintenance creditors are ranked as follows (please specify):
19.5 Is a proportional distribution applied to creditors where there are several maintenance obligations from different previous relationships?	<input type="checkbox"/> No, maintenance is not divided <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, maintenance is divided. Please specify how distribution is applied where there are several maintenance obligations:
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**20. Debtor protection rules (Art. 57(1)(d))**

Please specify any debtor protection rules that apply to the recovery of maintenance in [name of your State].	<input type="checkbox"/> No protection rules apply <input type="checkbox"/> The following protection rules apply (please specify):
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**21. Overview of enforcement procedures in [name of your State] (Art. 57(1)(d))**

Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of your State] enforces a decision in its territory. Please include time frames.	
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**22. Measures available for enforcement of maintenance decisions (Art. 34)**

What methods are available in [name of your State] for the enforcement of maintenance decisions?  Article 34 of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional measures <input type="checkbox"/> Wage withholding <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment or attachment from bank accounts and other sources <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure and sale of assets <input type="checkbox"/> Deductions from social security payments <input type="checkbox"/> Lien on or forced sale of property <input type="checkbox"/> Withholding or attachment of tax refund <input type="checkbox"/> Withholding or attachment of pension benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure of lump sum payments <input type="checkbox"/> Credit bureau reporting
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Denial, suspension or revocation of various licenses (for example, passport, driving licenses) <input type="checkbox"/> Incarceration <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing regarding a default in payment <input type="checkbox"/> Prohibition of a debtor from leaving [name of your State] <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure of lottery or gambling winnings <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal prosecution on account of failure to comply with duty to pay maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> The use of mediation, conciliation or similar processes to bring about voluntary compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>enforcement measures available</b> (please specify):
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## VI. Other information

### 23. Payment information (where **and how** payments should be sent) (Art. 11(1)(f))

<p>23.1 When [name of your State] is the requesting State, where should maintenance payments be sent?</p> <p>Please tick all boxes that apply. <b>If multiple options apply, please specify when each option may apply.</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Directly to the creditor [redacted] <input type="checkbox"/> To the creditor's representative [redacted] <input type="checkbox"/> To the Central Authority [redacted] <input type="checkbox"/> To a centralised location other than the Central Authority [redacted] <input type="checkbox"/> To another authority [redacted]
<p>23.2 When [name of your State] is the requesting State and receives maintenance payments at a centralised location or at a different address from the Central Authority, please provide the following information.</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Fax:</p> <p>E-mail:</p> <p>Website:</p> <p>Contact person(s):</p> <p>Name and address of the bank:</p>
<p>23.3 When [name of your State] is the requesting State, in what form can maintenance payments be received in that State?</p> <p>Please <b>tick</b> all <b>boxes</b> that apply. If the answer depends upon who is receiving</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque or warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic funds transfer. Please provide details <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>(please specify)</b> :

<p>the payment, please also tick “Other” and specify.</p>	
<p>23.4 If cheques are accepted in [name of State], are there any limitations to their use?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The use of cheques will be phased out as of (insert date):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other limitations (please specify):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>23.5 What actions does [name of your State] take to reduce the costs and fees associated with international payment processing?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> All payments are processed through a designated authority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All payments are processed upon receipt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments under a certain amount are not processed. Please specify the minimum amount processed and currency using the ISO code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payments under a certain amount are collected, banked and combined into one payment sent at intervals agreed with the creditor. Please specify the amount and currency using the ISO code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p>
<p>Last Update: [INSERT DATE]</p>	

**End of Stage 1**

## Stage 2

### I. General Information

#### 1. Overview of the process that occurs when making an application under Article 10 of the Convention (Art. 57 of the Convention)

<p>Please provide a short overview of the process(es) that occur(s) when [name of your State] receives an application under the 2007 Convention.</p> <p>Please indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• which authority receives the application</li> <li>• where the application is sent for processing</li> <li>• the steps that occur, and what happens if the outcome is contested</li> </ul> <p>The purpose of this question is to provide the caseworker in the requesting State with a general understanding of the steps that will take place in processing the case. Please include time frames.</p>	
1.1	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to recognise or to recognise and enforce a <u>maintenance decision</u> made in another Contracting State.
1.2	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to recognise or to recognise and enforce a <u>maintenance arrangement</u> made in another Contracting State.
1.3	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to enforce a <u>maintenance decision</u> made or recognised in [name of your State].
1.4	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to enforce a <u>maintenance arrangement</u> made or recognised in [name of your State].
1.5	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to establish a decision in [name of your State].
1.6	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to modify a <u>maintenance decision</u> made in [name of your State].
1.7	An overview of the process following the receipt of an application to modify a <u>maintenance decision</u> made in a State other than [name of your State].
<p>Last Update: [INSERT DATE]</p>	

## 2. Methods of calculating maintenance in [name of your State] (Art. 57)

2.1 Is the assessment of maintenance based on a formula, guidelines, or other criteria?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please outline the principal elements involved in making an assessment:
2.2 What legislation applies to the assessment of maintenance? Provide a link to a website if possible.	
Last Update: [INSERT DATE]	

## 3. Establishment of parentage (Art. 57)

3.1 What legislation applies to the establishment of parentage in the context of maintenance proceedings? Provide a link to a website if possible.	
3.2 What are the legal methods for establishing parentage in the context of maintenance proceedings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by presumption; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by acknowledgement; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by judicial decision; <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of parentage by administrative decision; <input type="checkbox"/> Other methods of establishment (please specify):
3.3 Please provide a short overview of how the above method(s) for establishing parentage are applied in the context of maintenance proceedings.	
3.4 Please describe the scientific or medical methods (e.g., DNA testing) used for establishing parentage, including requirements and restrictions, and how they apply in the context of maintenance proceedings.	
3.5 Please indicate the costs that typically would be involved in the establishment of parentage in [name of your State], who would bear these costs, whether the costs are capable of being covered by legal assistance, and whether any distinction is made between residents and non-residents in these matters.	
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## 4. Following recognition of a decision by another State (Art. 57)

4.1 Following recognition of the maintenance decision in the other State, does [name of your State] require notification of the recognition?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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4.2 Does the recognition in the other State affect the status of the original decision in [name of your State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify):
Last Update: [INSERT DATE]	

**5. Direct requests to competent authorities (where available) (Art. 37)**

5.1 Please provide a short overview of how direct requests are handled in [name of your State].	
5.2 Please provide information about the competent authorities in [name of your State] to which direct requests should be addressed.	
5.3 Please provide other relevant information regarding direct requests in [name of your State].	
Last Update: [INSERT DATE]	

**6. Other information (Art. 57)**

6.1 Are there any limitations on the period for which arrears may be enforced? Please provide the limitation period and the citation to the laws of [name of your State]. Article 32(5) of the 2007 Convention	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please provide limitation period and the citation to the laws of [name of your State].
6.2 What happens when the debtor pays a monthly amount, but this amount does not cover the current maintenance as well as the arrears? How is it determined which debt is paid first and who makes such a decision?	
6.3 When there are multiple garnishments / withholdings against the income of a debtor, does child maintenance have priority over the other debts?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes; <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, in certain circumstances. Please explain: <input type="checkbox"/> No, please specify order of priority:
6.4 Is it possible to collect interest on arrears in [name of your State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
6.5 When it is possible to collect interest on arrears in [name of your State], are there limitations?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify any limitations:
6.6 What happens with a maintenance claim under [name of your State] insolvency laws? (e.g., does it make a difference whether there is a decision for maintenance?)	

6.7 What are the procedures when a debtor leaves [name of your State]?	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify original requesting State; <input type="checkbox"/> End the proceedings; <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
6.8 Please provide a short overview of the process that occurs when the creditor or the debtor wants to appeal a decision <b>made</b> in [name of your State].	
<b>Last Update: [INSERT DATE]</b>	

**End of Stage 2**