

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

<i>Identification for follow-up purposes:</i>	
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<b>I. OVERARCHING QUESTIONS</b>	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
1.	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, has your State <b>modified</b> intercountry adoption procedures under the 1993 Adoption Convention? If so, what has your State done to ensure that the <b>safeguards and procedures</b> of the Convention have been, and continue to be, respected?</p> <p>No.</p>
<b>II. OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 (cases in transition only)</b>	
	<u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u>
2.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the <b>child</b> had <b>already</b> been <b>matched</b> with prospective adoptive parents, but no adoption decision had been issued at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>We have a case of adoption of one boy, in which case matching procedures have been started in 2019. The hearings were made on-line, and when it was possible to travel, adoptive parents came to Republic of Moldova, have finalized all necessary procedures with documents and returned with adopted child to Receiving State.</p>
3.	<p>What measures, if any, did your State take to deal with cases where the <b>adoption decision</b> had already been <b>issued</b>, but the <b>child</b> was <b>still in the State of origin</b> at the time of the COVID-19 outbreak in your State? How many children were in such a situation?</p> <p>We didn` t have such cases.</p>
<b>III. DURING COVID-19 (cases in transition and new cases)</b>	
	<u>States of origin only</u>
4.	Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:

	<p>a) Declaration of <b>adoptability</b> of the child:</p> <p>Pandemic period creates some difficulties in the procedures of declaration of adoptability of the child, especially regarding in respect of terms, that legislation provides, but wasn't issue new rules regarding this matter.</p> <p>b) <b>Matching</b>:</p> <p>The theoretical matching was made during the meeting in offline format of the Advisory Council for Adoption in the period when the number of Covid cases was low.</p> <p>c) <b>Socialisation</b> period:</p> <p>Prospective adoptive parents come to Republic of Moldova for matching period when the conditions for flying was allowed. Here in Republic of Moldova prospective adoptive parents has respected all measures regarding quarantine or other measures for prevention Covid.</p> <p>d) <b>Support</b> and counselling to adoptable children:</p> <p>Support and counselling was given to adoptable children in general conditions.</p> <p>e) Adoption <b>decision</b>:</p> <p>Hearings was made in online format.</p> <p>f) Other stages:</p> <p>Its was taken all necessary measures to ensure that adoption process is done in terms that are required by law, without delays.</p>
	<p><u>Receiving States only</u></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Has your State adapted, and if so how, the following stages of the adoption procedure:</p> <p>a) <b>Eligibility</b> and <b>suitability</b> of prospective adoptive parents:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p> <p>b) <b>Support</b> and counselling to prospective adoptive parents:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p> <p>c) Other stages:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p>
<p><b>IV. USE OF TECHNOLOGY</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Has the use of technologies (e.g, videoconferencing) <b>evolved</b> in the adoption procedures in place in your State since the outbreak of COVID-19 in your State? Please specify:</p> <p>a) any <b>benefits</b> and <b>challenges</b>:</p> <p>The hearings was made online, and this give the possibility not to delayed the adoption process.</p>
	<p>b) if your response to <b>question 72</b> ("Use of new technologies") of the <a href="#">2020 Questionnaire on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention (Prel. Doc. No 3)</a> has</p>

	<p>changed:</p> <p>Please insert text here</p>
<p><b>V. POST COVID-19: LOOKING AHEAD</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
7.	<p>Has your State developed any practices during this pandemic period that would be <b>useful to mainstream into regular work</b> practices? If so, please elaborate on what those practices are and how you plan to go about mainstreaming them into regular work practices:</p> <p>No</p>
8.	<p>Please share any good practices and lessons learned by your State which may be applied in the event of <b>another pandemic or similar state of emergency</b>:</p> <p>-</p>
<p><b>VI. ANY OTHER COMMENTS</b></p>	
	<p><u>Both States of origin and receiving States</u></p>
9.	<p>Please insert here any other comments you may have:</p> <p>-</p>