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Newsletter of the Global Network: "Child Support Worldwide"

Dear network members and child support experts all over the world,

Child Support Convention entered into force for Kazakhstan



On 1 October 2017 the *Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance* entered into force for Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan has been a Member of the Hague Conference since 14 June 2017 and is a Contracting Party to eight Hague Conventions and one Protocol, in total.

Child Abduction Convention entered into force for Tunisia



Also on 1 October 2017 the *Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction* entered into force for Tunisia. The Child Abduction Convention currently has 98 Contracting Parties and is the first Hague Convention that enters

into force for Tunisia. Tunisia has also acceded to the *Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents*, and the *Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters*. These two Conventions will enter into force for Tunisia in the coming months.

Honduras accedes to the 1996 Child Protection and 2007 Child Support Conventions



On 16 October 2017, Honduras deposited the instruments of accession to the *Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and*

Measures for the Protection of Children, and to the *Hague Convention of 23 November 2007 on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Form of Family Maintenance*. The 1996 Child Protection and the 2007 Child Support Conventions will respectively enter into force on 1 August 2018 and 19 October 2018. With the accession of Honduras, the 1996 Child Protection Convention now has 47 Contracting Parties and the 2007 Child Support Convention counts 38 Contracting Parties.

European platform for access to family right in Europe



The European platform for access to family rights in Europe aims to assist any person confronted with difficulties related to private international family law in the European Union (EU) by encouraging coordination and collaboration between the legal, medical and social systems of Member States, whether associative or institutional.

This project is part of European Union Justice program, established for the period 2014-2020. The Justice program finances actions with European added value, which contributes to the continuation of the establishment of a justice area in Europe.



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The project EPAPFR supports the implementation of European instruments dealing with private international family law, particularly Directive 2008/52/EC of 21 May 2008 on certain aspects of mediation in civil and commercial matters, the Brussels II Regulation of 27 November 2003 on matrimonial matters and matters of parental responsibility, the 1996 Hague Child Protection Convention, and the Rome III Regulation of 20 December 2010 implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of the law applicable to divorce and legal separation.

The project regroups several partners throughout Europe :

- The private international law research center of University Lyon 3 (EDIEC)
- The Belgian Association for the Rights of Foreigners (ADDE)
- International Social Service (ISS), Bulgaria, and the University of Liège
- The German Institute for Youth Human Services and Family Law (DIJUF)
- The Faculty of Law of the University of Verona
- The International Legal Information for Women organization (FIJI), project initiator

The project consists of putting in place services enabling access to rights, in particular those arising from private international law; taking action in line with the interests of the project's beneficiaries in order to facilitate access to justice in this area; promoting the training of professionals; promoting awareness-raising among beneficiaries information; encouraging experience and knowledge sharing between States and the relevant service providers from the different Member States.



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