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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK: "CHILD SUPPORT WORLDWIDE"

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

We are delighted to inform you about the following news in the field of international maintenance recovery.

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The Republic of Moldova accedes to the 2007 Child Support Convention

On September 16th, 2026, the Republic of Moldova deposited its instrument of accession to the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention. It will enter into force on September 22nd, 2027.

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With respect to the future application of the Convention in Moldova, it should be noted that declarations have been made regarding the provision of assistance by the Central Authorities for claiming spousal support, as well as regarding the documents to be submitted for application, other than applications for recognition or recognition and enforcement of decisions.

More details are available here.

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Amendment to Annex X of Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009

On July 16th, 2026 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1397 of June 25th, 2026 replacing Annex X to Council Regulation (EC) No 4/2009 entered into force. Annex X provides the list of administrative authorities referred to in Article 2(2) of that Regulation. The amendment is due to changes to the administrative authorities in Finland.

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The text of the implementing Regulation is available here.

Anthimos on the Notion of "Reasonable Efforts" within the meaning of the HCCH 1965 Service Convention and Regulation (EU) 2020/1784

The service of extrajudicial and judicial documents in cross-border maintenance cases is governed by Regulation (EU) 2020/1784 and the HCCH 1965 Service Convention. It is not uncommon for difficulties to arise during service of process when maintenance debtors repeatedly move or even actively obstruct service. In an interesting article, Apostolos Anthimos takes the publication of three decisions of the Thessaloniki First Instance Court as an opportunity to examine the question of whether proceedings may continue when no certificate of service has been produced at the hearing.

The article is available here.

Spain: Child support and surrogacy

According to reports in the Spanish press (among others: El Pais, September 11th, 2026), a court in Alicante has issued a unique ruling regarding a child born through surrogacy in Mexico. The ruling states that the woman who carried the child must contribute financially to the child's support. The case is particularly striking because the woman has no genetic connection to the child. However, the application of Spanish law has led to the woman who gave birth being legally recognized as the mother and thus to her obligation to provide child support.

More details are available here. A summary and analysis of the case in English is available here.

Sweden: Applicable law on standing to bring maintenance proceedings

In a decision dated July 14th, 2026, the Swedish Supreme Court decided that the question of standing to bring maintenance proceedings is governed by the law applicable to the maintenance obligation under the HCCH 2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol (not by the law of the forum) as provided by Art. 11 lit. d) of the Protocol. Applying Canadian law, the Supreme Court held the maintenance claim inadmissible, because under this law a former spouse cannot bring a claim for maintenance after a divorce decree has been issued in a country other than Canada. The Swedish decision is available here.

With regard to child support claims, it is interesting to note that the application of the special rules under Art. 4 of the HCCH 2007 Maintenance Obligations Protocol would have led to a different outcome.

Colombia: Assessment of the Concealment of Assets to Avoid Paying Child Support

In Judgment T-059 of March 25th, 2026, the Fourth Review Chamber of the Colombian Constitutional Court ruled that concealing assets to evade maintenance obligations may constitute economic coercion that violates the fundamental rights of the maintenance creditor. Accordingly, a comprehensive review must be conducted in connection with asset sales. In that case, a person obligated to pay maintenance had sold his apartment in a sham transaction.

The decision is available here.

UK: Child Maintenance Service Statistics: data to March 2026

In July 2026 the British Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) published its latest statistics on the use of the Child Maintenance Service. The interesting findings are available here.

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