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Newsletter of the Global Network: "Child Support Worldwide"

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

Special Commission on the practical operation of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention and its Protocol on Applicable Law to Maintenance Obligations

The First Meeting of the Special Commission to review the practical operation of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention and its Protocol on Applicable Law is currently scheduled to take place in The Hague during the week of 14 to 18 December 2020 (<https://www.hcch.net/en/publications-and-studies/details4/?pid=6741&dtid=57>).

The purpose of the meeting is to review the practical operation of these legal instruments and to discuss, with the possibility to adopt, additional tools to further their implementation. In this respect, the following tools will be discussed at the meeting:

- "Guidance to complete the Mandatory and Recommended Forms under the 2007 Child Support Convention",
- "Practices of Central Authorities under Articles 5 and 6 of the 2007 Convention",
- "Request for Specific Measures & Response" recommended forms and a
- "Standard Statistical Report".

The meeting will also provide an important opportunity to promote the implementation of iSupport, the HCCH electronic case management and secure communication system for the 2007 Convention, the 2009 EU Maintenance Regulation, the 1956 New York Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance and any bilateral treaty dealing with maintenance obligations. Finally, the meeting will discuss, conclude and recommend a future work programme in this area such as the development of additional recommended forms.

The responses from Contracting States to a [questionnaire on the HCCH 2007 Convention](#) and responses to a [questionnaire on the 2007 Protocol](#) are taken into consideration in the development of a draft agenda for the meeting.

The **angle of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and groups of professionals** is also extremely important. Their experiences are crucial and should be brought into the discussion.



We would therefore like to invite you to participate in the review of the practical operation of the HCCH 2007 Child Support Convention and its Protocol on Applicable Law by sending reports, suggestions and proposals. To ensure the usefulness of the feedback, please use the following two questionnaires and send them back to childsupport@dijuf.de **by 30 November 2020**:

- https://www.dijuf.de/files/downloads/2020/Questionnaire%20for%20NGOs_Convention.pdf
- [https://www.dijuf.de/files/downloads/2020/Questionnaire%20for%20NGOs_Protocol%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.dijuf.de/files/downloads/2020/Questionnaire%20for%20NGOs_Protocol%20(2).pdf)

Enforcing maintenance despite coronavirus measures

The table "Operational status of child maintenance authorities during the covid-19 restrictions" has been used extensively over the last few months, and that continues to be the case. Thank you for your positive feedback!

Please remember to tell us about any changes in the situation in your State if the information we have is no longer up to date.

https://www.dijuf.de/files/01_UHR/Operational%20status%20of%20child%20maintenance%20authorities%20during%20the%20covid-19%20restrictions.pdf



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