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## JUDICIAL PROCEDURE

### INTER-AMERICAN AGREEMENTS

Convention for the establishment of an International Commission of Jurists. Signed at Rio de Janeiro August 23, 1906; entered into force August 26, 1907; for the United States March 9, 1908.

37 Stat. 1554; TS 565; 1 Bevans 547.

States which are parties:

Argentina  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Dominican Rep.  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama  
Peru  
United States  
Uruguay

Protocol embodying a declaration on the juridical personality of foreign companies. Done at the Pan American Union, Washington, June 25, 1936; entered into force for the United States July 10, 1941.

55 Stat. 1201; TS 973; 3 Bevans 274; 161 UNTS 217.

States which are parties:

Chile<sup>1</sup>  
Dominican Rep.<sup>1</sup>  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Nicaragua  
Peru  
United States<sup>2</sup>  
Venezuela

#### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> With a statement.

<sup>2</sup> With understandings.

Protocol on uniformity of powers of attorney which are to be utilized abroad. Done at the Pan American Union, Washington, February 17, 1940; entered into force for the United States April 16, 1942.

56 Stat. 1376; TS 982; 3 Bevans 612; 161 UNTS 229.

States which are parties:

Brazil  
Colombia<sup>1</sup>  
El Salvador<sup>1</sup>  
Mexico<sup>1</sup>  
United States  
Venezuela<sup>1</sup>

#### NOTE:

<sup>1</sup> With reservation.

Inter-American convention on letters rogatory. Done at Panama January 30, 1975; entered into force January 16, 1976; for the United States August 27, 1988.

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Additional protocol to the Inter-American convention on letters rogatory, with annex. Done at Montevideo May 8, 1979; entered into force June 14, 1980; for the United States August 27, 1988.

TIAS

Parties:

Argentina\*  
Brazil\*  
Chile<sup>1</sup>\*  
Colombia\*  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador\*  
El Salvador<sup>1 2</sup>\*  
Guatemala\*  
Honduras  
Mexico<sup>1</sup>\*  
Panama\*  
Paraguay\*  
Peru\*  
Spain<sup>3</sup>  
United States<sup>2</sup>\*  
Uruguay<sup>3</sup>\*  
Venezuela<sup>2</sup>\*

#### NOTES:

\* The United States has a treaty relationship only with these countries which are a party to the Convention and the Additional Protocol.

<sup>1</sup> With declaration(s).

<sup>2</sup> With reservation(s).

<sup>3</sup> Designation of Central Authority in accordance with Article 4.

Inter-American convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters. Done at Nassau May 23, 1992; entered into force April 14, 1996; for the United States June 24, 2001.

TIAS

Parties:

Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Dominica  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Grenada  
Guatemala  
Jamaica<sup>1</sup>  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama<sup>1</sup>  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Trinidad & Tobago  
United States  
Venezuela

#### NOTE:

<sup>1</sup> With reservation(s).

### HAGUE CONVENTIONS<sup>1</sup>

#### NOTE:

<sup>1</sup> Adopted under the auspices of the Hague Conference on International Law. (See under LAW, PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL.)

Convention abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents, with annex. Done at The Hague October 5, 1961; entered into force January 24, 1965; for the United States October 15, 1981.

33 UST 883; TIAS 10072; 527 UNTS 189.

States which are parties:<sup>1</sup>

Andorra  
Antigua & Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Australia  
Austria  
Bahamas, The  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Brunei  
Bulgaria  
Colombia  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Rep.  
Dominica  
El Salvador  
Estonia  
Fiji  
Finland  
France<sup>2</sup>  
Germany, Fed. Rep.<sup>3</sup>  
Greece  
Grenada  
Hong Kong<sup>4</sup>  
Hungary  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy  
Japan  
Kazakhstan  
Latvia  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Macao<sup>4</sup>  
Macedonia  
Malawi  
Malta  
Marshall Is.  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Namibia  
Netherlands<sup>5</sup>  
New Zealand  
Niue  
Norway  
Panama<sup>1</sup>  
Portugal<sup>2</sup>  
Romania  
Russian Fed.  
St. Kitts & Nevis  
St. Lucia

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St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
Samoa  
San Marino  
Serbia and Montenegro  
Seychelles  
Slovak Rep.  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Suriname  
Swaziland  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
Tonga  
Trinidad & Tobago  
Turkey  
Ukraine  
Union of Soviet Socialist Reps.<sup>6</sup>  
United Kingdom<sup>7</sup>  
United States<sup>8,9</sup>  
Venezuela  
Yugoslavia<sup>10</sup>

### NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> With designation(s).  
<sup>2</sup> Applicable to all overseas departments and territories.  
<sup>3</sup> See note under GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF in bilateral section.  
<sup>4</sup> CHINA is not a party to this treaty but has made it applicable to Hong Kong and Macao. With declaration.  
<sup>5</sup> Applicable to the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba.  
<sup>6</sup> See note under UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS in bilateral section.  
<sup>7</sup> Applicable to Anguilla, Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, Isle of Man, Bermuda, Cayman Is., Falkland Is., Gibraltar, Montserrat, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Is. and the British Virgin Is.  
<sup>8</sup> Extended to those territories for the foreign relations of which the United States is responsible.  
<sup>9</sup> With statement(s).  
<sup>10</sup> See note under YUGOSLAVIA in bilateral section.

Convention on the service abroad of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil or commercial matters. Done at The Hague November 15, 1965; entered into force February 10, 1969. 20 UST 361; TIAS 6638; 658 UNTS 163.

States which are parties:<sup>1</sup>

Antigua & Barbuda  
Argentina  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium<sup>2</sup>  
Botswana<sup>2</sup>  
Bulgaria  
Canada<sup>2</sup>  
China<sup>1,2,3</sup>  
Cyprus<sup>2</sup>  
Czech Rep.  
Denmark<sup>2</sup>  
Egypt  
Estonia<sup>2</sup>

Finland<sup>2</sup>  
France<sup>2</sup>  
Germany, Fed. Rep.<sup>2,4</sup>  
Greece<sup>2</sup>  
Ireland<sup>2</sup>  
Israel<sup>2</sup>  
Italy  
Japan<sup>2</sup>  
Korea  
Kuwait  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg<sup>2</sup>  
Malawi  
Mexico  
Netherlands<sup>2,5</sup>  
Norway<sup>2</sup>  
Pakistan  
Poland<sup>2</sup>  
Portugal<sup>2</sup>  
Russian Fed.  
San Marino  
Seychelles<sup>2</sup>  
Slovak Rep.  
Slovenia  
Spain<sup>2</sup>  
Sri Lanka  
Sweden<sup>2</sup>  
Switzerland<sup>2</sup>  
Turkey<sup>2</sup>  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom<sup>2,6</sup>  
United States<sup>2,7</sup>  
Venezuela<sup>2</sup>

### NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> With designation(s).  
<sup>2</sup> With declaration(s).  
<sup>3</sup> Applicable to Hong Kong and Macao. With declarations. See note under CHINA in bilateral section.  
<sup>4</sup> See note under GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF in bilateral section.  
<sup>5</sup> Extended to Aruba.  
<sup>6</sup> Extended to Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Is., Cayman Is., Central and Southern Line Is., Falkland Is. and dependencies, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena and dependencies, Turks and Caicos Is.  
<sup>7</sup> Extended to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is., the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Is.

Convention on the taking of evidence abroad in civil or commercial matters. Done at The Hague March 18, 1970; entered into force October 7, 1972. 23 UST 2555; TIAS 7444; 847 UNTS 231.

States which are parties:<sup>1</sup>

Argentina<sup>2,3</sup>  
Australia<sup>2,3</sup>  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Bulgaria  
China<sup>2,3,4</sup>  
Cyprus  
Czech Rep.  
Denmark<sup>2,3</sup>  
Estonia<sup>2</sup>  
Finland<sup>2,3</sup>  
France<sup>2,5</sup>  
Germany, Fed. Rep.<sup>2,3,6</sup>  
Israel<sup>2</sup>  
Italy<sup>2</sup>

Kuwait  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg<sup>2,3</sup>  
Mexico<sup>2,3</sup>  
Monaco<sup>2,3</sup>  
Netherlands<sup>7</sup>  
Norway<sup>2,3</sup>  
Poland  
Portugal<sup>2,3</sup>  
Romania  
Seychelles  
Singapore<sup>2,3</sup>  
Slovak Rep.  
Slovenia  
South Africa<sup>2,3</sup>  
Spain<sup>2,3</sup>  
Sri Lanka  
Sweden<sup>2</sup>  
Switzerland<sup>2,3</sup>  
Turkey  
Ukraine  
United Kingdom<sup>2,3,8</sup>  
United States<sup>2,9</sup>  
Venezuela

### NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup> With designation(s).  
<sup>2</sup> With declaration(s).  
<sup>3</sup> With reservation(s).  
<sup>4</sup> Applicable to Hong Kong and Macao. With declarations. See note under CHINA in bilateral section.  
<sup>5</sup> Applicable to all territories of the French Republic.  
<sup>6</sup> See note under GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF in bilateral section.  
<sup>7</sup> Extended to Aruba.  
<sup>8</sup> Extended to Anguilla, Cayman Is., Falkland Is. and dependencies, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, and the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia on the Island of Cyprus.  
<sup>9</sup> Extended to Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Is.

Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction. Done at The Hague October 25, 1980; entered into force December 1, 1983; for the United States July 1, 1988. TIAS 11670.

Parties:

Argentina<sup>1</sup>  
Australia<sup>2</sup>  
Austria<sup>1</sup>  
Bahamas  
Belgium  
Belize<sup>3</sup>  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Canada<sup>3,4,5</sup>  
Chile<sup>4</sup>  
Colombia  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Rep.  
Denmark<sup>1,4</sup>  
Ecuador  
Finland<sup>4</sup>  
France<sup>3,4</sup>  
Germany, Fed. Rep.<sup>1,3,6</sup>  
Greece<sup>3,4</sup>  
Honduras

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Hong Kong<sup>7</sup>  
 Hungary<sup>1</sup>  
 Iceland  
 Ireland  
 Israel<sup>3</sup>  
 Italy  
 Luxembourg<sup>4</sup>  
 Macao<sup>7</sup>  
 Macedonia  
 Malta  
 Mauritius<sup>3</sup>  
 Mexico  
 Monaco<sup>3</sup>  
 Netherlands<sup>3 8</sup>  
 New Zealand<sup>3</sup>

Norway<sup>3</sup>  
 Panama  
 Poland<sup>3</sup>  
 Portugal<sup>1</sup>  
 Romania  
 St. Kitts & Nevis<sup>3</sup>  
 Serbia and Montenegro  
 Slovak Rep.  
 Slovenia  
 South Africa  
 Spain<sup>1</sup>  
 Sweden<sup>3</sup>  
 Switzerland<sup>1</sup>  
 Turkey  
 United Kingdom<sup>3 4 9</sup>  
 United States<sup>1 3</sup>  
 Uruguay  
 Venezuela<sup>3</sup>  
 Yugoslavia<sup>10</sup>  
 Zimbabwe

### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> With designation(s).

<sup>2</sup> Extended to legal system applicable only in Australian states and mainland territories.

<sup>3</sup> With reservation(s).

<sup>4</sup> With declaration(s).

<sup>5</sup> Extended to Alberta, Newfoundland, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Is., Quebec, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory.

<sup>6</sup> See note under GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF in bilateral section.

<sup>7</sup> CHINA is not a party to this treaty but has made it applicable to Hong Kong and Macao. With declarations.

<sup>8</sup> Applicable to Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>9</sup> Extended to Isle of Man.

<sup>10</sup> See note under YUGOSLAVIA in bilateral section.