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Introduction

The *Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption* (1993 Hague Convention) provides for the collection and exchange of statistics on intercountry adoption as a means to promote cooperation amongst Central Authorities, verify that safeguards are met, and facilitate the provision of post-adoption services. Access to these statistics allows stakeholders to monitor the operation of the Convention, develop policy, and identify good practice in intercountry adoption.

Guide to Good Practice No 1 recognises the utility of statistics in measuring the effective implementation of the 1993 Hague Convention (para. 189). In particular, when analysed alongside economic and demographic data, statistics can help stakeholders understand the fundamental nature of intercountry adoption and monitor its geographic and temporal trends.

In accordance with Recommendation No 9 of the 2005 Special Commission, the Permanent Bureau is working to promote the collection and exchange of intercountry adoption statistics by developing standards forms for Contracting States to complete. The Permanent Bureau is also in discussions with UNICEF and the International Social Service to consider how best to develop a centralised database which ensures the collection of regular, reliable and standardised statistics.

Statistics from Member States and Contracting States alone do not provide a complete picture of intercountry adoption. However, while progress is made towards implementing a centralised database, each State is asked to submit its statistics to the Permanent Bureau for the years 2005 to 2009 (inclusive) using the standard form which is available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under "Work in Progress" then "Intercountry Adoption".

The standard form has been simplified to promote greater comparability of data and to reduce the workload of Central Authorities to complete the forms.

The Permanent Bureau would be grateful to receive completed forms by **14 May 2010** so that the data may be considered by the Special Commission in June. States are encouraged to submit completed forms (where possible) by e-mail: < secretariat@hcch.net >

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions ¹		Age a	and ge	nder of	f child a	at adop	otion ²	Number of adoptions of special needs children ³	Number of intra- family adoptions ⁴	
		<1		1-4		5-9		>10			
		м	F	М	F	м	F	М	F		
Romania	1										
Russian Federation	2										
Total number of intercountry adoptions	3										
Total number of domestic adoptions	29										
Total number of adoptions	32										

Note 1: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 2: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 3: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 4: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions ⁵		Age a	and ge	nder of	f child a	at adop	otion ⁶	Number of adoptions of special needs children ⁷	Number of intra- family adoptions ⁸	
		<1		1	1-4		5-9		10		
		м	F	М	F	М	F	М	F		
Montenegro	1										
Republic of Macedonia	6										
Russian Federation	3										
Serbia and Monten.	1										
Ukraine	3										
USA	1										
Total number of intercountry adoptions	15										
Total number of domestic adoptions	24										
Total number of adoptions	39										

Note 5: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 6: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 7: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 8: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions ⁹		Age a	ind ger	nder of	child a	at adop	tion ¹⁰	Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹¹	Number of intra- family adoptions ¹²	
		<1		1-4		5-9		>10			
		м	F	м	F	М	F	М	F		
Romania	2										
Ukraine	1										
Total number of intercountry adoptions	3										
Total number of domestic adoptions	21										
Total number of adoptions	24										

Note 9: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 10: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 11: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 12: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions ¹³		Age a	and ger	nder of	child a	at adop	ition ¹⁴	Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹⁵	Number of intra- family adoptions ¹⁶	
		<1		1-4		5-9		>10			
		м	F	М	F	М	F	м	F		
Russian Federation	3										
Republic of Macedonia	2										
Croatia	1										
Total number of intercountry adoptions	6										
Total number of domestic adoptions	22										
Total number of adoptions	28										

Note 13: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 14: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 15: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 16: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".

State of origin	Total number of completed adoptions ¹⁷		Age a	ind ger	nder of	child a	at adop	otion ¹⁸	Number of adoptions of special needs children ¹⁹	Number of intra- family adoptions ²⁰	
		<1		1-4		5-9		>10			
		м	F	м	F	м	F	м	F		
Russian Federation	8										
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2										
Montenegro	1										
China	1										
Madagascar	1										
Ukraine	1										
Total number of intercountry adoptions	14										
Total number of domestic adoptions	35										
Total number of adoptions	49										

Note 17: This number includes adoptions completed in the State of origin and adoptions completed in your State.

Note 18: If your national statistics are compiled according to other age groups, please indicate accordingly *e.g.* if you only count the number of children under 5, you should combine the two columns here that refer to children under 1 year old and between 1 and 4 years old.

Note 19: Children with special needs are those who may be suffering from a behaviour disorder or trauma, physically or mentally disabled, older children (usually above 7 years of age), or part of a sibling group.

Note 20: Intra-family adoptions include step-parent adoptions. If possible, please indicate separately in this column the number of intra-family adoptions that are step-parent adoptions. If your national statistics do not distinguish adoptions by relatives, please state "**n/a**".