

ANNEXES

Comments on Annex 1 – Organigram:

Section B: Receiving countries

There is no question on where the decision on adoption is made. In Sweden local City or District Courts grant adoptions.

Article 12

No foreign accredited bodies are authorized to act in Sweden.

Article 15

The preparation of the report and the transmission thereof do not necessarily have to be performed by the same body. In Sweden the local social welfare authorities prepare the reports, while either the Central Authority or the accredited bodies transmit them to the State of Origin. There are no approved persons preparing reports in Sweden.

Article 24

The function of refusing recognition of an adoption has not been entrusted to any particular authority. Non-recognition of an adoption may be considered in any court or other authority - e.g. the tax authorities responsible for the Population Register or the National Migration Board - where the adoption is referred.

Section C: Identification of responsible parties

Central Authority and Accredited Bodies:

See the information given on the Hague Conference's website.

Public Authorities / Courts and Tribunals:

There is a social welfare committee in every municipality in Sweden. The number of municipalities is 290. In addition to that many municipalities are divided into districts, all of them with its own decision-making committee. The number of City or District Courts is 63.

There are no Regional Central Authorities or Approved Persons.

Comment on Annex 2 - Statistics Forms

The statistics on internationally adopted children in Sweden is based on the children's registration in the Population Register after arrival and not on the finalization of the adoption.