

## PART ONE – GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

### I. Questions for non-Contracting States

- 1) Please indicate why your State is not a Contracting State to the Apostille Convention (select as many answers as are relevant):

☐ The domestic law of your State does not require that foreign public documents be legalised or otherwise authenticated before having effect in your State – if you select this answer, please also respond to the following question:

Even when the domestic law of your State does not require that foreign public documents be legalised or otherwise authenticated before they are produced in your State, do you agree that the Apostille Convention would nonetheless be helpful for citizens and companies of your State that need to *produce abroad* public documents that were *executed in your State*?

☐ YES – please explain whether or not this could be a persuasive argument for your State to join the Convention:

☐ NO – please explain:

☐ There are legal obstacles in your domestic legal system that prevent your State from becoming a party to the Convention – if so, please specify what these obstacles are:

☐ Your State considers that there are specific issues arising out of the Apostille Convention which dissuade your State from joining the Apostille Convention – please specify what these issues are and / or provide examples:

☐ Your State does not have the means or resources to properly implement the Apostille Convention

☐ The question of becoming a Party to the Convention has never been examined in detail

☐ The absence of a clause that would allow for the Apostille Convention to be extended to one or more territorial units prevents your State, as a multi-unit State, from joining the Convention

☐ Other reason – please explain:

- 2) Please forward a list of any bilateral or regional agreements, treaties or instruments to which your State is a party and that provide rules for abolishing or facilitating the legalisation of foreign public documents:

- 3) Is your State currently studying the Apostille Convention or does your State envisage studying it with a view to becoming a State Party in the near future?

☒ YES – please specify (status of considerations in your State, etc.):

*The DOMINICAN REPUBLIC deposited the instrument of accession on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

☐ NO