Part I – Questions for non-Contracting States

A. Reasons for not being a Contracting State	
(1) Why is your State not a Contracting State to the Access to Justice Convention? *Please select one or more*	☐ The authorities of your State do not see any added value in the Convention (*e.g.*, compared to domestic legal regimes and / or regimes established under other judicial co-operation treaties) – please specify (including a description of these other regimes): ☐ The number of persons involved in cross-border litigation (*e.g.*, nationals and habitual residents of your State involved in litigation in a foreign State or foreign nationals and habitual residents involved in litigation in your State) who would benefit from non-discrimination with regard to the matters covered by the Convention has so far been limited and has not required your State to participate in a global framework ☐ There are legal obstacles in the internal legal system of your State that prevent it from joining the Convention – please specify: ☒ There are specific issues arising out of the Convention which dissuade your State from joining the Convention – please explain: The explanation provided in response to the 2008 Questionnaire has not changed. ☐ Your State does not have the means or resources to properly implement the Convention ☐ Joining the Convention has so far not been studied in detail (see also question 2) ☐ Other – please explain:

B. Studying the Access to Justice Convention	
(2) Is your State currently studying the Access to Justice Convention with a view to becoming a Contracting State, or does your State envisage studying it with a view to becoming a Contracting State?	☐ Yes – please specify (status of the study, possible timeline for joining the Convention, *etc.*): ☒ No

C. Security, bond or deposit	
(3) In judicial proceedings before the courts of your State, does the law or practice of your State impose any security, bond or deposit upon certain categories of persons such as foreign nationals or persons who are not resident or domiciled in your State?	☒ Yes – please provide citation or link to text online, as well as a summary of the legal regime (including any qualifications or exceptions): In certain instances, U.S. state law (including rules of court) may provide that non-residents (both out-of-state and foreign) must provide security for costs or satisfaction of judgment in connection with pending legal proceedings. Federal courts are also authorized to impose such requirements. ☐ No

D. Topics for the agenda of the Special Commission meeting	
(4) Are there any specific topics or practical issues that your State would like to have addressed at the Special Commission meeting concerning the Access to Justice Convention?	☐ Yes – please specify: ☒ No