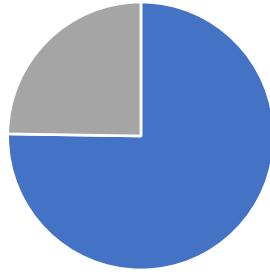


Widely-ratified Convention

Most ratified HCCH Convention among Members

76 of 101 Contracting Parties are Members



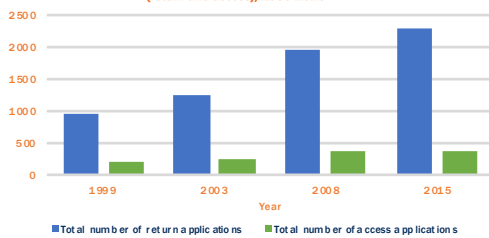
Global reach

Contracting Parties from all continents



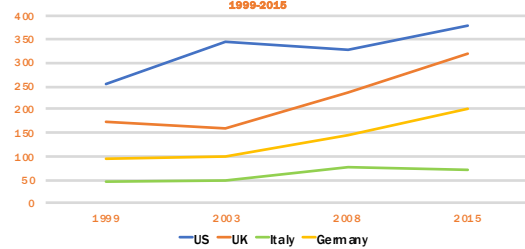
Continual increase in number of applications

Number of applications reported (return and access), 1999-2015



Incoming applications

Number of incoming applications (return and access) in selected countries, 1999-2015



Number of return applications and children involved

2015

- 2,270 return applications*
- 965 applications sent to court

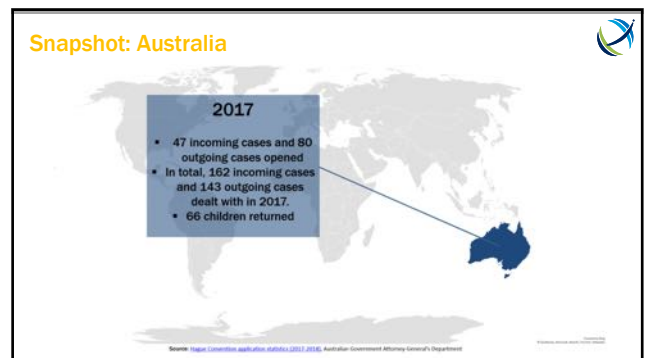
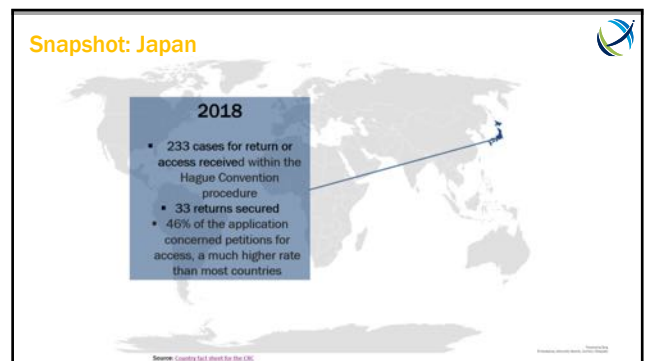
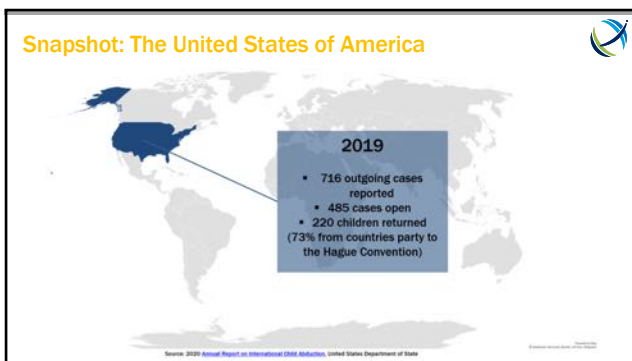
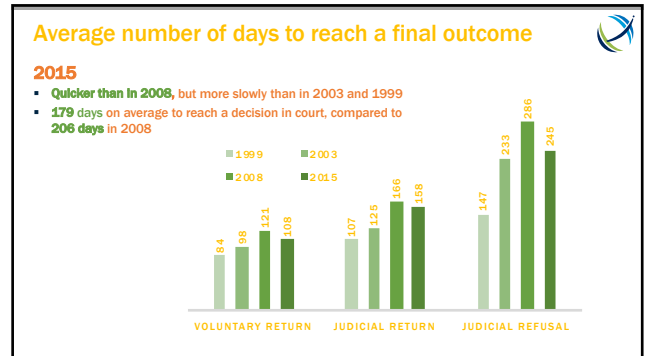
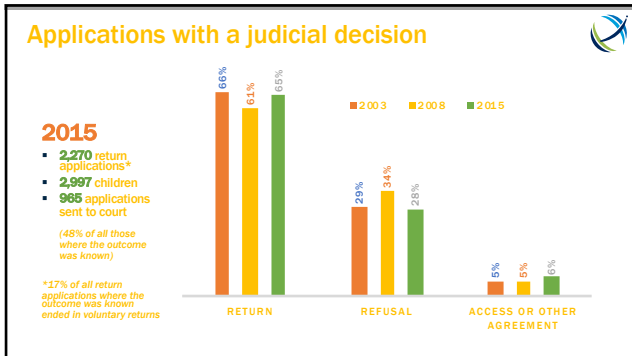
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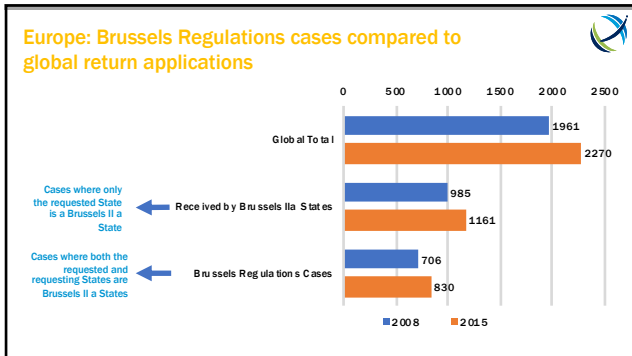
* 17% of all return applications where the outcome was known ended in voluntary returns



Number of children involved = 2,997 = 6 full Alitalia intercontinental flights







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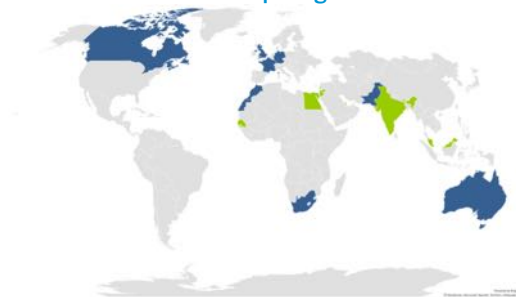
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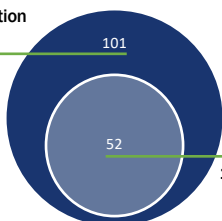
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1980 Child Abduction Convention

58 new Contracting Parties since 1996



All Contracting Parties to the 1996 Convention are Contracting Parties to the 1980 Convention

1996 Child Protection Convention

Perspectives





Continuing work of the HCCH



Continuing relevance of the Convention



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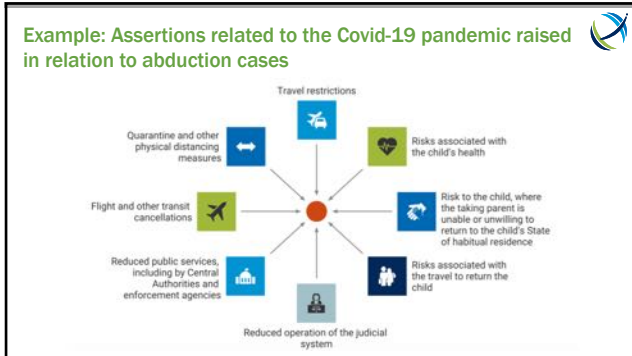
- 1 Increasingly interconnected world
- 2 VUCA economy and impact on society
- 3 Greater awareness of the rights of children
- 4 Multilateralism in international cooperation

Responding to crises



Responding to crises

- Securing the **safe and prompt return** of the child to the State of habitual residence
- Ensuring continuing and suitable contact between parent and child
- Case-by-case** individual application of the Convention
- If applicable, consider the HCCH 1996 Child Protection Convention's provision for **urgent provisional measures** for the protection of the child
- Carefully navigating **exceptions** raised to the obligation to return the child



TOOLKIT FOR THE 1980 CHILD ABDUCTION CONVENTION IN TIMES OF COVID-19

Removing barriers to a prompt return

Addressing the practical challenges due to COVID-19

Focus on the child

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