

The Secretary General

For the attention of National Organs
of the Member States

Circular No 69(25)

Our Ref.: 20251204SP

The Hague, 4 December 2025

Dear Representatives of the National Organ,

Pursuant to the proposal of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands dated 4 December 2025, and in accordance with Article 2 of the Statute of the HCCH, I have the honour to open the six-month voting period on the admission of the Republic of Indonesia as a Member State of the HCCH.

Article 2 of the Statute reads as follows:

1. Members of the Hague Conference on Private International Law are the States which have already participated in one or more Sessions of the Conference and which accept the present Statute.
2. Any other State, the participation of which is from a juridical point of view of importance for the work of the Conference, may become a Member. The admission of new Member States shall be decided upon by the Governments of the participating States, upon the proposal of one or more of them, by a majority of the votes cast, within a period of six months from the date on which that proposal is submitted to the Governments.
3. The admission shall become effective upon the acceptance of the present Statute by the State concerned.

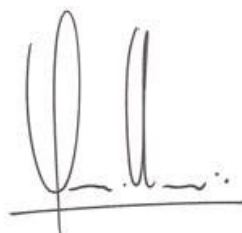
In accordance with Article 2(2), you are kindly requested to inform the Permanent Bureau of your Government's position on the proposal of the Netherlands by **4 June 2026 at 5.00 p.m.** (CEST), marking the end of the six-month period. Please indicate clearly whether your Government's vote is in favour of, or opposed to, the proposed admission. Kindly note that votes submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

The Republic of Indonesia is currently Party to the HCCH Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention).

The Republic of Indonesia has participated in various Special Commission meetings: in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994 on the practical operation of the 1993 Adoption Convention; in 1993, 2006, 2011, 2012 and 2017 on the practical operation of the 1980 Child Abduction and 1996 Child Protection Conventions; in 2009, 2016, 2021 on the practical operation of the 1961 Apostille Convention; in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2017 on the Judgments Project; in 2007 on the implementation of the 2007 Child Support Convention; in 2012 on the Principles on Choice of Law in International Contracts (draft HCCH Principles), as well as in 2024 on Service, Evidence and Access to Justice Conventions. Moreover, the Republic of Indonesia has participated in the 17th, 19th, 21st and 22nd Diplomatic Sessions, and to meetings of the Council on General Affairs and Policy of 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

I take this opportunity to recall the HCCH Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028, which identifies universality and inclusiveness as key strategic elements for the HCCH. I respectfully encourage Member States to participate in this admission process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a smaller 'B' and a horizontal line with a small dot at the end.

Dr Christophe Bernasconi

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