

CERTIFICATE

THE UNDERSIGNED, Christophe Bernasconi, Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH);

WITH REFERENCE to Focused Circular No 23(25), dated 5 March 2025, by which the Member States of the HCCH were invited to cast their votes before 5 September 2025, in accordance with Article 2 of the HCCH's Statute, on the proposal made by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the admission of the **Republic of Guatemala** as a Member of the HCCH;

HAVING NOTED the votes cast by Member States within the deadline mentioned above, and

WHEREAS the following Member States (31) have cast a vote favourable to the admission of the **Republic of Guatemala** as a future Member of the HCCH:

Serbia Argentina Germany Australia Slovakia Greece Austria Ireland South Africa Canada Israel Spain Chile Italy Switzerland Costa Rica Japan Ukraine

Czech Republic Luxembourg United States of America

Dominican Republic Mexico Uruguay Finland Monaco Viet Nam

France Netherlands (The)

Georgia Portugal

WHEREAS no Member State has cast a vote against the admission within the period of time provided;

DETERMINES that the majority required in Article 2(2) of the HCCH's Statute has voted in favour of the admission of the **Republic of Guatemala** as a future Member of the HCCH.

CONSEQUENTLY, the **Republic of Guatemala** has been invited to deposit the instrument of acceptance to become a Member of the HCCH.

IN WITNESS THEREOF this certificate has been drawn up and signed, today 8 September 2025.

DONE AT THE HAGUE, 8 September 2025

The Secretary General

Dr Christophe Bernasconi