

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Permanent Bureau (PB), I am pleased to invite Embassy officials of HCCH Members to the 2025 HCCH Annual Briefing for Members of the Organisation.

This briefing is scheduled to take place at the premises of the PB in The Hague (Churchillplein 6b) on Monday 17 November 2025 from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. (CET). It is aimed at newly arrived officials at diplomatic missions and will cover the following topics: an introduction to the HCCH, PB operations and cooperation with diplomatic missions, and ongoing work. The working language will be English.

With this briefing, we hope to provide to your diplomatic mission any information it may require for the fulfilment of its role as Member of the HCCH and for the proper and effective implementation and operation of the HCCH Conventions to which it already is a Contracting Party. (An overview of Members of the Organisation and the Conventions to which they are party can be found here.) The briefing will also be an opportunity for officials to explore the benefits of becoming a Party to additional HCCH Conventions.

Officials are invited to register their interest before *Wednesday 12 November 2025, 5.00 p.m. (CET)* by sending an e-mail to <u>secretariat@hcch.net</u> mentioning the name, title, and diplomatic mission of the participating officer(s). Please note that space in the HCCH conference room is limited and seats will be allocated on a first registered, first served basis.

We look forward to welcoming you on 17 November.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Christophe Bernasconi