



Dear Legal Practitioners,

The Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law would like to express its gratitude to you for completing its Questionnaire No 2 on *“the private international law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements”*. The information provided in response to this Questionnaire by legal practitioners from many different jurisdictions has proved invaluable for the work of the Hague Conference and has enabled a clearer picture to emerge of the cross-border practical problems which are occurring in this field for children and families.

In March 2014, following the broad consultation process undertaken during 2013, the Permanent Bureau published two documents:

- [“The desirability and feasibility of further work on the Parentage / Surrogacy Project”](#) (Prel. Doc. No 3 B of March 2014); and
- Its accompanying [“Study of Legal Parentage and the issues arising from International Surrogacy Arrangements”](#) (Prel. Doc. No 3 C of March 2014).

These documents are available on the specialised “Parentage / Surrogacy” section of the Hague Conference website: see [here](#). French versions of these documents will be published in the coming months.\*

Preliminary Documents Nos 3 B and C were presented to the governing body of the Hague Conference (“the Council on General Affairs and Policy”) for consideration at its annual meeting (8-10 April 2014). Based upon its consideration of these documents, the Council welcomed the work carried out by the Permanent Bureau and agreed that work should continue to explore the feasibility of drawing up a multilateral instrument in this area. To this end, the Council invited the Permanent Bureau to continue information-gathering, including obtaining further responses to Questionnaire No 1 (the Questionnaire addressed to States), in particular from States where international surrogacy arrangements take place. While the Council noted the support expressed by a considerable number of Members of the organisation for the establishment of an Experts’ Group, it decided to defer the final determination of this matter to its meeting in Spring 2015.

Over the course of the next year, the Permanent Bureau would be grateful to receive any updates from your respective jurisdictions which you consider might be of interest for the “Parentage / Surrogacy Project”. Please send any such information to [secretariat@hcch.net](mailto:secretariat@hcch.net) for the attention of Laura Martínez-Mora (Principal Legal Officer) and Hannah Baker (Senior Legal Officer).

Thank you once again for sharing your expertise with the Hague Conference. We look forward to remaining in contact concerning these important issues.

Kind regards,

Laura Martínez-Mora & Hannah Baker

\* Due to the fact that producing French versions may necessitate minor language revisions to the English versions, the English versions remain “provisional” until final publication in both languages. No changes in substance will occur.