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TABLEAUX SUR LES COÛTS ASSOCIÉS À L'ADOPTION INTERNATIONALE

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TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

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TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

The *Tables on costs*¹ are designed to increase transparency by compiling the available information on the costs of intercountry adoption in States of origin and receiving States.

The Tables do not aim to provide prospective adoptive parents ("PAPs") or other actors with a definitive, "total cost" for an intercountry adoption. Rather, they aim to be a reference point for PAPs and other actors to identify if the costs which they encounter in the State of origin (Table I) and the receiving State (Table II) are of the nature and within the range provided in the Tables. The Experts' Group will continue its discussions regarding the best method of collecting the data as well as the timeline for providing the data. It will also decide on where and how the tables should be published.

The Tables also include information about the "contributions"² which may be demanded from PAPs by certain States of origin or adoption accredited bodies in the context of an intercountry adoption. Such contributions should not be considered as "costs" of an intercountry adoption since they are distinct from the real or actual costs of the adoption procedure (*i.e.*, they are distinct from the cost of providing all the services necessary in the receiving State and the State of origin to complete each particular adoption). Nevertheless, in order to reflect the current practice of some States,³ they have been included in the tables.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE TABLES

Tables I and II may be completed by States to provide information concerning the estimated costs and contributions associated with an intercountry adoption in the particular State of origin or receiving State.

States of origin may complete Table I. Receiving States may complete Table II. States that are both States of origin *and* receiving States may complete both Tables.

Column "Purpose"

The "other" category should be used to add any category of costs not previously listed in the column. Please be as specific as possible.

Column "Charged by"

For each category of costs, please select the type of authority, body or person that best corresponds.

¹ For a definition of the term "costs" in the context of intercountry adoption, see the Terminology section of the *Note on the Financial Aspects of Intercountry Adoption*, available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under "Intercountry Adoption Section" (hereinafter, "Note").

² For a definition of the term "contribution" in the context of intercountry adoption, see Note, *supra* note 1. See also Chapter 6 of the Note regarding the problems and recommendations associated with "contributions" and Hague Conference on Private International Law's, *Accreditation and Adoption Accredited Bodies: General Principles and Guide to Good Practice*, Guide No 2, Family Law (Jordan Publishing Ltd), 2012, Chapter 9, available on the Hague Conference website at < www.hcch.net > under "Intercountry Adoption Section" (hereinafter, "Guide to Good Practice No 2").

³ See Guide to Good Practice No 2, *supra* note 2, para. 432.

Abbreviations used

(CAN)	Central Authority National
(CAR)	Central Authority Regional
(PA)	Public Authority
(CT)	Court or Tribunal
(AB)	Adoption Accredited Body
(AB SO)	Adoption Accredited Body of the State of origin
(AB RS)	Adoption Accredited Body of the receiving State
(AP SO)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the State of origin
(AP RS)	Adoption Approved (Non-accredited) Person of the receiving State
(OP)	Other professionals (e.g., lawyer, doctor, translator, interpreter)
(N/A)	Not applicable – if service is not performed

Column “Name of the authority, body or person”

Please use the space in this column to specify the name of the authority, body, person or the type of professional whenever possible.

Column “Amount”

For each category of costs, please indicate the fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged. You may use “free” when the service is provided free of charge, “not applicable” when the service is not provided, or “unknown” when the information is not yet available.

You may find that some categories of costs are incurred in exceptional cases only (*e.g., translation and/or interpretation costs*). In such a case, please indicate “0 to [estimate price when the prospective adoptive parent(s) select this service]”. You may also use the space in each category or use a footnote to specify the conditions under which an amount may be requested.

TABLE II - RECEIVING STATE

COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

TO BE PAID IN FINLAND

2023

Date completed: August 2023

This table is designed to provide prospective adoptive parents ("PAPs") and other adoption actors with an overview of the costs and contributions (see p. 2 on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables) which may need to be paid in the above-mentioned receiving State when undertaking an intercountry adoption to that State. Unless indicated otherwise, the costs listed are for the adoption of ONE child.

Please note: In order to obtain a comprehensive overview of the costs and contributions which may need to be paid by the PAPs, one will need also to refer to Table I (costs and contributions to be paid in the State of origin) as completed by the State of origin in which the child habitually resides.

Additional amounts, such as **travel costs** (which may include airfares and accommodation) may apply but are not included in this table.

SECTION I: GENERAL FIXED COSTS

TO BE PAID IN THE RECEIVING STATE

(regardless of the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes)

COSTS			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount ⁴ [currency]
Charged by an authority			
Administrative application fee ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Administrative processing fee ⁶	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Court fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	District courts	0–300 EUR

⁴ For each category of costs, please indicate the currency, fixed amount, if applicable, or the range (minimum to maximum) that is charged for each category. See also p. 2 of this document for more details on the way to enter the "amount" in the tables.

⁵ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge a standard fee when PAPs submit an application to adopt.

⁶ States should use this category to indicate whether they charge subsequent fees at different stages of the adoption procedure (e.g., when the matching is done).

Documentation	Certificates issued in the receiving State (e.g., birth, marriage, criminal records)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Local Register office, Legal Register Center	18 EUR/doc 18 EUR/doc
	Passports (for PAPs and child)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Police of Finland	44–89 EUR

Documentation	Immigration procedures for the child in the receiving State (e.g., visa or other entry requirement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Finnish Immigration Service (Thailand, the Philippines) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (South Africa, Colombia, India) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (China)	Residence permit 240–270 EUR Finnish passport 210 EUR Schengen visa 60 EUR
	Other: [please specify]			

Charged by an AB in the RS⁷

Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of AB	Amount [currency]
Opening of the adoption case file	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Save the Children Finland	0 EUR
		Interpedia	500 EUR
Administration and file processing costs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Save the Children Finland	5900 EUR
		Interpedia	5800 EUR
Membership of the AB	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Other administrative costs / fee for overhead [please explain what fees cover]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Save the Children Finland Adoption service fee (extending adoption permit)	370 EUR

⁷ See Section II for specific costs according to each State of origin.

		Annual service fee	480 EUR
		Interpedia Adoption service fee (extending adoption permit)	400 EUR
		Annual service fee	500 EUR

Please note: add as many rows to the table as required, according to the number of ABs present in your State.

Charged by an authority, an AB or other person			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
Home study (preparation of the psychosocial evaluation on suitability to adopt of PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Wellbeing services county or Save the Children Finland	Free of charge
General preparation, education and training programs for PAPs ⁸	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Accredited bodies preparation is mainly included in the service fees	
		Preparation courses by All Our Children	2 weekends 290–380 EUR
Medical services and related certificates (e.g., health examination for PAPs)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Health care centers or private clinics	48,50 – 210 EUR/visit, average total 300EUR
Legal advice and representation	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Additional psychological services (e.g., for special needs children and other services provided to the child)	<input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input type="checkbox"/> AP RS <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	health care centers of private clinics	Free of charge if public service, private service costs may vary
Post-adoption counselling	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> AB RS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AP RS	Interpedia and Save the	Free of charge

⁸ Ibid.

	<input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP	Children Finland (AP RS) Wellbeing services county or Save the Children Finland's adoption counselling (OP)	Free of charge
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Others costs			
Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
[please specify]			

SECTION II: OTHER POSSIBLE COSTS

Please see separate information from 2 service providers

(Which may or may not be incurred by PAPs, depending upon the State of origin from which the adoptable child comes. Please ensure that the same costs are reported either in Table I (State of origin) or Table II (receiving State) but not in both)

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Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	State of origin ⁹	Amount EURO
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State	X <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Bulgaria Thailand China the Philippines the Czech Republic	1100 EUR 550 EUR 600 EUR 750 EUR 700 EUR
Translation of documents in the receiving State	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Bulgaria	included in fee to ANIDO
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Thailand	1250 EUR
	<input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	the Philippines Czech Republic	1350 EUR 3000 EUR
Other (e.g., in the case of adoptions not mediated in the SO by an AB ¹⁰)	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 1]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 2]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	[NAME OF SO 3]	

⁹ Please note that the number of documents to be translated will depend on each State of origin. However, the price of the translation will be according to professionals' fees in the receiving State.

¹⁰ These adoptions are not considered a good practice although they are permitted under the 1993 Hague Convention.

BULGARIA	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Save the Children Finland (service fee paid to partner in Bulgaria ANIDO)	6000 EUR
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Save the Children Finland	400 EUR
Other: Medical consultation	Save the Children Finland	300 EUR / consultation report Total estimated costs in 2023 (service fee and country specific running costs) 14 480 EUR Total costs vary case by case depending on the total amount of documents and duration of the process.

THAILAND	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Save the Children Finland	N/A

Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Save the Children Finland	600 EUR
Other: Medical consultation	Save the Children Finland	300 EUR / consultation report Total estimated costs in 2023 (service fee and country specific running costs) 9280 EUR Total costs vary case by case depending on the total amount of documents and duration of the process.

CHINA	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Save the Children Finland	660 EUR service fee as charge for special needs adoption – program specific tasks at Save the Children Finland 500 EUR remuneration of

		representative in China
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Save the Children Finland	600 EUR / report, 6 reports
Other: Medical consultation	Save the Children Finland	300 EUR / consultation report Total estimated costs in 2023 (service fee and country specific running costs) 12 240 EUR Total costs vary case by case depending on the total amount of documents and duration of the process.

THE PHILIPPINES	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Save the Children Finland	500 EUR
Other: Medical consultation	Save the Children Finland	300 EUR / consultation report

		Total estimated costs in 2023 (service fee and country specific running costs) 12 780 EUR
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the Czech Republic	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	Save the Children Finland	N/A
Preparation of post-adoption reports	Save the Children Finland	3150 EUR
Other: Medical consultation	Save the Children Finland	300 EUR / consultation report Total estimated costs in 2023 (service fee and country specific running costs) 15 030 EUR

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

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Purpose of the service covered by the cost	Charged by	State of origin ¹¹	Amount [currency]
Legalisation of documents in the receiving State (estimated)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Bulgaria	400 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Colombia	800 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	India	1200 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	South Africa	600 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Thailand	250 EUR
Translation of documents in the receiving State (estimated)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Bulgaria	500 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Colombia	1000 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	India	1200 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	South Africa	800 EUR
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Thailand	800 EUR
Other (e.g., in the case of adoptions not mediated in the SO by an AB ¹²) Sending documents and other postal costs	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	all countries	300–500 EUR
	<input type="checkbox"/> CAN <input type="checkbox"/> CAR <input type="checkbox"/> PA <input type="checkbox"/> OP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

[BULGARIA]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	[FNA Adoption fee]	6000–8000 EUR
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

¹¹ Please note that the number of documents to be translated will depend on each State of origin. However, the price of the translation will be according to professionals' fees in the receiving State.

¹² These adoptions are not considered a good practice although they are permitted under the 1993 Hague Convention.

Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Preparation of post-adoption reports	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	
Other	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

[COLOMBIA]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Colombian country office	3400 EUR
	Administration costs	0-3200 USD
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	x	700 EUR
Other	Legal fees	2600-2715 USD
	Medical costs	300 -751 +VAT dollars
	Translation (file + child study)	1000 EUR
	Interpreter	400-650 EUR
	Legalization of documents	300 EUR
	Optional nursing fee for a matched child	0-700 EUR
	Medical consultation fee	300 EUR

[INDIA]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Indian Country Office	1700 EUR
	Adoption fee	5000 dollars
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	x	500 EUR

Other	Legalization of documents (child)	130 EUR
	Interpreter and guide in India	500 EUR

[SOUTH AFRICA]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)	Adoption fee	35000 ZAR
	Digital Baby Study	6000 ZAR
	Professional Service fee	5400 ZAR
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	x	750 EUR
	Courrier fee	672 ZAR
Other	Medical fee	4000-6000 ZAR
	Transportation	6000 -12 100 ZAR
	Medical consultation fee	300 EUR

[THAILAND]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Programme costs (e.g., costs to pay the representative in the State of origin, administrative / rental costs if applicable)		700 EUR
Communication costs (e.g., telephone, internet, video-conferencing associated with a particular country)		
Specific preparation, education and training programmes for PAPs		
Preparation of post-adoption reports	x	400 EUR
Other	Translations, passport, legalization	5000 BAHT
	Translation of the child study	350-500 EUR
	Medical consultation fee	300 EUR

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

**SECTION III: CONTRIBUTIONS DEMANDED BY AN AB
FOR A SPECIFIC STATE**

[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 1]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	Save the Children Finland	N/A in any country
	Interpedia	N/A in any country

[NAME OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN 2]	Charged by AB	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the accredited body of the receiving State [Please specify for what purpose the money is collected]	[NAME OF AB 1]	
	[NAME OF AB 2]	
	[NAME OF AB 3]	

Please note: please complete one table for each State of origin with which your State works. Every table should contain one row for each accredited body authorised to work in the particular State of origin.

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PAPs (e.g., tax benefits or other allowances)			
Purpose	Applicable to all PAPs?	Name of authority, body or person providing assistance	Amount [currency]
State subsidy for adopters	Yes	The Social Insurance Institution of Finland (KELA)	5000 – 9000 EUR depending on state of origin of child. Majority of countries fall in the category of 7000 EUR.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO ABs (e.g., subsidies, tax benefits or other assistance)			
Purpose	Applicable to all ABs?	Name of authority, body or person providing assistance	Amount [currency]
Grant to support intercountry adoption service provision	Requires separate grant application, is at the moment applicable to 2 accredited service providers in Finland	STEa, the Funding Centre for Social Welfare and Health Organisations	In 2023 the grant for Save the Children Finland was 123 992 EUR In 2023 the grant for Interpedia was 243 709 EUR
State funding for accredited bodies post-adoption client service	Yes, applicable to all accredited adoption service providers with PAS responsibility according to Finnish adoption legislation	VALVIRA the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health	In 2023 the funding for Save the Children Finland and Interpedia was 39 000

			EUR each AB (Save the Children Finland and Interpedia)
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