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Working international cases effectively with the United States now and under the new Hague Convention

The United States is working actively to ratify the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. When successful, this Convention will be the first-ever multilateral convention related to the recognition and enforcement of child support obligations implemented in the United States. This paper will provide a procedural Caseworker's Guide to explain to other countries how to process cases with the United States now and under the Convention, with an emphasis on practical steps for incoming and outgoing cases, the Central Authority's roles and responsibilities (and designees), administrative cooperation and communication methods. The paper will provide information and instructions for effectively working international cases with the United States child support program.