

Services to declare foreign countries or their political subdivisions to be reciprocating countries for the purpose of the enforcement of family support obligations if the country has established or has undertaken to establish procedures for the establishment and enforcement of duties of support for residents of the United States. These procedures must be in substantial conformity with mandatory elements set out in the statute: procedures for the establishment of paternity and support orders for children and custodial parents; a system for the enforcement of orders, including procedures for the collection and distribution of payments under such orders; providing administrative and legal services without cost to the U.S. applicant; and the designation of an agency to serve as a Central Authority.

Once such a declaration is made, support agencies in jurisdictions of the United States participating in the program established by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act (the IV-D program) must provide enforcement services under that program to such reciprocating countries as if the request for service came from a U.S. state.

The declaration authorized by the statute may be made "in the form of an international agreement, in connection with an international agreement or corresponding foreign declaration, or on a unilateral basis." The Secretary of State has authorized either the Legal Adviser or the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs to make such a declaration after consultation with the other.

As of this date, the following countries (or Canadian provinces) have been designated foreign reciprocating countries:

Country	Effective date
Australia	May 21, 2001.
Canadian Provinces:	
British Columbia	Dec. 15, 1999.
Manitoba	July 11, 2000.
Nova Scotia	Dec. 18, 1998.
Czech Republic	May 3, 2000.
Ireland	Sept. 10, 1997.
Poland	June 14, 1999.
Portugal	Mar. 17, 2001.
Slovak Republic	Feb. 1, 1998.

Information

Each of these countries (or Canadian provinces) has designated a Central Authority to facilitate enforcement and ensure compliance with the standards of the statute. Information relating to the designated Central Authorities, and the procedures for processing requests may be obtained by contacting Stephen

Grant, Director, Office of the United States Central Authority for International Child Support, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, 4 Aerospace Building, Washington, DC 20447; phone (202) 260-5943, fax (202) 401-5539, email sgrant@acf.dhhs.gov.

Questions regarding this notice, the status of negotiations, declarations and agreements may be obtained by contacting Mary Helen Carlson at the Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law, Suite 203 South Building, 2430 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037-2851; phone (202) 776-8420, fax (202) 776-8482, email carlsonmh@ms.state.gov.

The law also permits individual states of the United States to establish or continue existing reciprocating arrangements with foreign countries when there has been no federal declaration. Many states have such arrangements with additional countries not yet the subject of a federal declaration. Information as to these arrangements may be obtained from the individual state IV-D Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2001, in Room F-3420 at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC), 4000 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review progress of the working groups and to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

Members of the public may attend the open session as seating capacity allows, and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chairman's instructions. Members of the

public may, if they wish, submit a brief statement to the committee in writing.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Thursday, December 6, 2001. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the December 12 plenary.

Each non-member observer wishing to attend should provide his/her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the DTAG Secretariat by fax to (202) 647-9779 (Attention: Mike Slack). A list will be made up for Diplomatic Security and that Reception Desk at the NFATC Visitor Center. Attendees must present a driver's license with photo, a passport, a U.S. Government ID, or other valid photo ID for entry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Slack, DTAG Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers (PM/RSAT), Room 7424 Main State, Washington, DC 20520-2422. Phone (202) 647-2882. Fax: (202) 647-9779.

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Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet in the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street NW., Washington, DC, December 17-18, 2001 in Conference Room 1105. Prior notification and a valid photo are mandatory for entrance into the building. One week before the meeting, members of the public planning to attend must notify Gloria Walker, Office of Historian (202-663-1124) to provide relevant dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and telephone numbers.

The Committee will meet in open session from 1:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001, to discuss declassification and transfer of Department of State electronic records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the modernization