

ADOPTION

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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 OF CHILDREN'S SMILES FOUNDATION - BULGARIA WITH RECEIVING COUNTRIES: GERMANY, GREECE, CANADA, CYPRUS, USA AND FRANCE

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TABLES ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

The Tables on costs¹ 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 I – STATE OF ORIGIN
COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO BE PAID IN REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
2015

Date completed:
09.09.2015

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 State of origin when undertaking an intercountry adoption from 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 II (costs and contributions to be paid in the receiving State) as completed by the receiving State in which the PAPs habitually reside.

Additional amounts, such as travel costs (which may include airfares and accommodation) may apply (see “travel requirements” section below) but only general information concerning this is requested in this table, not actual costs.

COSTS					
Purpose of the service covered by the cost		Charged by		Name of the authority, body or person	Amount ⁴ [currency]
Administrative application fee ⁵		x CAN PA	CAR N/A	Ministry of justice	EUR 51
Administrative processing fee ⁶		x CAN PA	CAR N/A	Ministry of justice	EUR 26
Court fees		x CT	N/A	Sofia city court	EUR 13
				Sofia appeal court	EUR 6
Visa(s) for PAPs to enter the State of origin		PA	x N/A		
Specialised professionals	Legal services (e.g., legal advice and representation in the State of origin)	x AB SO OP	AB RS ⁷ N/A	Children’s smiles foundation- for juridical counseling ; For representation in front of the court	EUR 1600 – 2000
	Notary’s fees	x OP	N/A	Notary	up to 103 EUR
	Medical services (e.g., health examination for the child)	x OP	N/A	Children’s smiles foundation for Doctors for one medical examination	EUR 100
	Psychologists / counselling	X AB SO OP	AB RS ⁸ N/A	Children’s smiles foundation for Psychologists for one examination	EUR 100

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).

⁷ Only applicable if not included already in the costs for services by a receiving States accredited body mentioned in Table II.

⁸ Ibid.

Specialised professionals	Interpreter in the State of origin	x AB SO OP	AB RS ⁹ N/A	Children's smiles foundation for interpreters	EUR 1100
	Other pedagogical counselling ; -Extra medical examination in special hospitals	x AB SO		Children's smiles foundation for one pedagogical examination;	EUR 100 EUR 200
Documentation	Birth certificate(s) of the child	x PA N/A	CT	Sofia municipality	EUR 10
	Passport from the State of origin	x PA N/A		Ministry of interior	EUR 10- 40
	Legalisation of documents in the State of origin	x PA N/A	CT	Ministry of foreign affairs	EUR 300
	Translation of documents in the State of origin	x AB SO OP	AB RS ¹⁰ N/A	Children's smiles foundation for translator's firm	EUR 500- 1200
	Other: documents for post adoption control	x AB SO		Children's smiles foundation for translation and legalization of the 4 reports	EUR 500- 700
Other costs charged by an AB of the State of origin (not included in other categories) office rent, telephone, mailing and other communication expenses, maintaining the Inter net and Web site and office supplies		AB SO	N/A	Children's smiles foundation	EUR 300- 700
Emigration / Exit fees for the child (e.g., fee to exit the State) ¹¹		PA	N/A		
Other: expenses for transport and official trips, hotel accommodation, bank charges		AB SO		for PAP'S stay in Bulgaria	EUR 1300

CONTRIBUTIONS

Purpose	Charged by	Name of the authority, body or person	Amount [currency]
Contributions demanded by the State of origin [Please specify for what purpose this money is collected]	CAN CAR PA N/A		
Contributions demanded by an accredited body of the State of origin [Please specify for what purpose this money is collected (e.g. for the care of the child)]	AB SO N/A		

TRAVEL

REQUIREMENTS [Please specify if prospective adoptive parent(s) is / are required to personally	
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travel to the State of origin and the number of compulsory trips¹² as well as the minimum number of days which he / she / they are required to stay in the State of origin].

Personally travel of the PAP's two times to Bulgaria: 1- for contact with the child- 7 days and 2- for taking the child- 4 days