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Ukraine's Private International Law Conventions: Status, Declarations and Authorities

Every multilateral convention on private international law and international civil procedure in force for Ukraine: 14 Hague instruments, UN, UNIDROIT and Council of Europe conventions, with entry-into-force dates, Ukraine's declarations and reservations and the competent authorities.

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RECENT CHANGES

Aug 1, 2026 Hague Access to Justice Convention 1980 entered into force for Ukraine

Jun 1, 2026 Hague Judgments Convention 2019 entered into force for Andorra; for Albania and Montenegro from 01.03.2026

Mar 12, 2026 Ukraine acceded to the Hague Access to Justice Convention 1980 (Law No. 4820-IX)

Jul 1, 2025 Hague Judgments Convention 2019 entered into force for the United Kingdom

Dec 29, 2023 The 1993 Minsk Convention and its 1997 Protocol ceased to apply to Ukraine (withdrawal under Law No. 2783-IX)

Sep 1, 2023 Hague Judgments Convention 2019 entered into force for Ukraine and the EU

Aug 1, 2023 Hague Choice of Court Convention 2005 entered into force for Ukraine

Apr 6, 2023 European Convention 1968 on the Abolition of Legalisation of consular documents (ETS 063) entered into force for Ukraine

Feb 5, 2023 The 1992 Kyiv Agreement on settling economic disputes ceased to apply to Ukraine (Law No. 2855-IX)

Dec 1, 2022 Hague Maintenance Protocol 2007 entered into force; the Private International Law Act was aligned by Law No. 2802-IX

Jun 17, 2021 Inter-American Convention 1979 on Proof of and Information on Foreign Law entered into force for Ukraine

When a foreign court or tribunal applies Ukrainian law, or asks for its content to be proved, the first question is which instrument governs: whether Ukraine is bound by the convention, since when, with what reservations and through which authority. Ukraine's Private International Law Act gives precedence to treaties: where an international treaty of Ukraine provides rules different from the Act, the treaty rules apply (Art. 3), and ratified treaties in force form part of national legislation (Art. 19 of the Law on International Treaties). A Ukrainian court establishes the content of foreign law according to its official interpretation, practice and doctrine in the foreign state, and may apply to the Ministry of Justice or engage experts for that purpose (Art. 8).

This page collects the 36 multilateral conventions and protocols on private international law and international civil procedure in force for Ukraine, together with instruments signed but not ratified and those that have ceased to apply, so that they are not relied on by mistake. For each instrument we give the basis of participation, the date of entry into force for Ukraine, the declarations and reservations made in the ratification or accession laws, and the competent authorities. Bilateral legal-assistance treaties are covered in a separate reference page, which also gives a short guide to finding the legal basis for recognising a foreign judgment; conventions on carriage, intellectual property and taxation are outside the scope.

Before relying on a convention

Fourteen Hague instruments. Ukraine has been a Member of the Hague Conference since 3 December 2003 and is a Contracting Party to fourteen of its instruments, from the 1954 Civil Procedure Convention to the 2019 Judgments Convention. It has signed no Hague instrument without ratifying it. Ukraine is not a party to the 1993 Intercountry Adoption Convention, the 2000 Protection of Adults Convention or the 1973 Convention on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations.

Three accessions do not operate with every party. The 1970 Evidence Convention, the 1971 Traffic Accidents Convention and the 1980 Child Abduction Convention require each state to accept an accession (Arts. 39, 20 and 38 respectively). According to the HCCH table, Ukraine's accession to the 1971 Convention has been accepted

only by Slovakia, Spain and Serbia; with the other 18 parties its choice-of-law rules do not apply in relations with Ukraine. For the 1970 and 1980 Conventions the lists of acceptances are much longer, but they must be checked for each pair of states.

Maintenance: the 2007 Convention replaces the older ones. Between its Contracting States the 2007 Hague Child Support Convention replaces the 1973 Hague Maintenance Decisions Convention (Art. 48) and the 1956 UN Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance (Art. 49) insofar as their scopes of application coincide. The 1973 and 1956 Conventions remain relevant with states that are not parties to the 2007 Convention.

The CISG applies with a writing requirement. Ukraine maintains the Ukrainian SSR's declaration under Arts. 12 and 96: a sales contract, its modification, an offer or an acceptance cannot be made otherwise than in writing where a party has its place of business in Ukraine. The 1974 Limitation Convention applies in its original text: Ukraine never acceded to the 1980 Protocol.

Cape Town declarations follow the creditor-friendly model. Ukraine applies Arts. VIII and XIII of the Aircraft Protocol (choice of law, IDERA), Alternative A of Art. XI with a 60-day waiting period, and allows remedies to be exercised without leave of the court unless the Protocol requires a court application. The entry point to the International Registry is the State Aviation Service.

Foreign law can be proved through official channels. Requests on the content of foreign law run under the 1968 European Convention with its 1978 Protocol and, since 17 June 2021, under the 1979 Inter-American Convention, both through the Ministry of Justice. The Inter-American Convention expressly lists among admissible means an expert opinion consisting of the view of lawyers or specialists (Art. 3). In our view, before a court outside Europe and the Americas only an expert report on Ukrainian law and the parties' documents under Art. 8 of the Private International Law Act remain.

Legalisation: three regimes. Apostilles under the 1961 Convention are issued by six authorities depending on the type of document (Cabinet Resolution No. 61); since 6 April 2023 documents executed by consuls and diplomats of Council of Europe states are exempt from legalisation under ETS 063; documents transmitted under legal-

assistance treaties or the 1965 and 1970 Hague Conventions need no legalisation at all.

Almost no instruments remain for CIS states. The 1992 Kyiv Agreement on economic disputes ceased to apply to Ukraine on 5 February 2023 and the 1993 Minsk Convention on 29 December 2023. Bilateral treaties remain with Moldova, Georgia and Uzbekistan. With Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan there are no bilateral treaties, and the Hague Conventions each shares with Ukraine differ (HCCH status tables): with Tajikistan only the Apostille Convention, with Turkmenistan none: its only Hague instrument, the 1980 Child Abduction Convention, does not apply with Ukraine because neither state has accepted the other's accession (Art. 38). All six are parties to the 1958 New York Convention (UNTC), so arbitral awards are recognised under it; maintenance with Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan falls under the 2007 Hague Convention. In our view, for other court judgments from these states only reciprocity under Art. 462 of the Code of Civil Procedure remains.

Signed but not ratified. The 2018 Singapore Convention on Mediation (signed 7 August 2019) and two Council of Europe conventions of 1977–1978 on service of documents and obtaining evidence in administrative matters (signed 12 April 2018) are not in force for Ukraine. Ukraine is also not a member of UNIDROIT, which does not prevent participation in its conventions.

Conventions by depositary organisation

Dates are taken from the Verkhovna Rada records and ratification laws, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs notices of entry into force and the depositaries' status tables (HCCH, UNTC, UNIDROIT, Council of Europe Treaty Office) as of October 31, 2026. Where a Verkhovna Rada record differs from the depositary, both dates are shown. Apart from article-specific declarations, Ukraine has lodged general territorial declarations with the depositaries: in 2015 on its inability to guarantee performance in the temporarily occupied territories, in March 2022 in connection with martial law, and in December 2023 excluding territories where hostilities are (were) conducted or that are temporarily occupied; for the New York Convention these are the communications of 20.10.2015 and

04.03.2022 (UNTC). Which declarations apply to a given convention is shown in its status table (example: the 1965 Convention). Article numbers follow the Ukrainian texts published by the Verkhovna Rada.

Hague Conference on Private International Law

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Convention on Civil Procedure, 1954 service of documents and letters of request between contracting states, exemption from security for costs (cautio judicatum solvi), legal aid	by succession: notification to the depositary 10.06.1999; HCCH lists it in force for Ukraine since 24.08.1991	declarations under Arts. 1, 6, 9, 15 (HCCH codes); no Ukrainian text or act of participation located on the Verkhovna Rada site	49 Contracting Parties · status table
Convention on the Conflicts of Laws Relating to the Form of Testamentary Dispositions, 1961 a will is formally valid if it complies with the law of the place of execution, of the testator's nationality, domicile or habitual residence, or of the situs of immovables (Art. 1)	accession 17.12.2009 (Law No. 1772-VI) · instrument deposited 15.03.2011 · in force since 14.05.2011 (MFA letter of 29.04.2011)	three reservations: Art. 9 — domicile determined by the lex fori; Art. 10 — oral wills of Ukrainian nationals not recognised save in exceptional circumstances; Art. 12 — not applied to testamentary clauses that under Ukrainian law do not relate to succession	42 Contracting Parties · status table
Apostille Convention, 1961 replaces consular legalisation of public documents with a single apostille certificate issued by the state of origin (Arts. 3–5)	accession 10.01.2002 (Law No. 2933-III) · instrument deposited 02.04.2003 · in force since 22.12.2003	competent authorities (Cabinet Resolution No. 61 of 18.01.2003, as amended in 2023): Ministry of Justice — documents of justice bodies, courts, archives and notaries; Ministry of Education and Science — education and science documents; Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Migration Service and State Tax Service — their own documents; Ministry of Foreign Affairs — all other documents	130 Contracting Parties · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Service Convention, 1965 service of judicial and extrajudicial documents through Central Authorities; alternative channels under Arts. 8–10	accession 19.10.2000 (Law No. 2052-III) · instrument deposited 01.02.2001 · in force since 01.12.2001	Central Authority — Ministry of Justice (Art. 2); certificates of service by the Ministry and its territorial departments (Art. 6); consular service only on nationals of the state of origin (Art. 8); documents sent through consular or diplomatic channels are received by the Ministry (Art. 9); Ukraine does not use the channels of Art. 10 (postal service, direct service through judicial officers); Art. 15 — a judge may give judgment without a certificate of service where the conditions of Art. 15(2) are met; Art. 16 — an application for relief is not entertained if filed more than one year after the judgment	84 Contracting Parties · status table
Evidence Convention, 1970 Letters of Request for the taking of evidence through Central Authorities (Chapter I); taking of evidence by diplomatic officers, consular agents and commissioners (Chapter II)	accession 19.10.2000 (Law No. 2051-III) · instrument deposited 01.02.2001 · in force since 01.04.2001 (HCCH; the Verkhovna Rada record gives 21.07.2001)	Central Authority — Ministry of Justice (Art. 2); Letters of Request in Ukrainian or with a translation (Art. 4); presence of the requesting court's representative subject to the Ministry's consent (Art. 8); no execution of requests for pre-trial discovery of documents (Art. 23); reservations under Art. 33: Art. 4(2) excluded, Chapter II excluded except Arts. 15, 20–22; the accession has effect only with states that have declared their acceptance of it (Art. 39) — acceptances listed in the HCCH table	69 Contracting Parties · status table
Convention on the Law Applicable to Traffic Accidents, 1971 choice-of-law rules for non-contractual liability arising from traffic accidents, whatever the kind of proceedings (Art. 1)	accession 15.06.2011 (Law No. 3513-VI) · instrument deposited 19.10.2011 · in force since 18.12.2011 (MFA letter of 23.11.2011)	the accession has effect only with states that accepted it (Art. 20; Law No. 3513-VI): Slovakia from 26.08.2012, Spain from 14.01.2013, Serbia from 08.06.2013 (HCCH acceptances table); no acceptance from the other 18 parties	21 Contracting Parties; effective for Ukraine with 3 · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions Relating to Maintenance Obligations, 1973 recognition and enforcement of maintenance decisions between spouses, parents and children and other relatives (Art. 1); Ukraine is not a party to the companion 1973 Applicable Law Convention	accession 14.09.2006 (Law No. 135-V) · instrument deposited 03.04.2007 · in force since 01.08.2008	declaration under Art. 25 — extended to authentic instruments; reservation under Art. 26 — right not to recognise decisions and settlements on maintenance between collateral relatives and relatives by affinity where Ukrainian law imposes no such duty	24 Contracting Parties · status table
Child Abduction Convention, 1980 prompt return of wrongfully removed or retained children and protection of rights of access (Art. 1)	accession 11.01.2006 (Law No. 3303-IV) · instrument deposited 02.06.2006 · in force since 01.09.2006	Central Authority — Ministry of Justice (declaration to Art. 6); the accession has effect only with states that accepted it (Art. 38) — acceptances listed in the HCCH table	103 Contracting Parties · status table
Access to Justice Convention, 1980 legal aid on the same footing as nationals of the forum, exemption from security for costs, enforcement of orders for costs (Chapters I–II)	accession 12.03.2026 (Law No. 4820-IX) · instrument deposited 21.05.2026 · in force since 01.08.2026 (HCCH)	Central Authority and transmitting authority — Ministry of Justice (Arts. 3, 4, 16); applications in Ukrainian or with a translation, documents in English or French may be refused (Art. 7, Art. 28(2)(a)); reservations under Arts. 28(1), 28(3)(f), 28(3)(g)	29 Contracting Parties · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Child Protection Convention, 1996 jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of measures for the protection of children, co-operation of authorities (Art. 1)	accession 14.09.2006 (Law No. 136-V, amended by Law No. 2357-IX of 08.07.2022) · instrument deposited 03.04.2007 · in force since 01.02.2008	Central Authority — National Social Service of Ukraine (Art. 29; the Ministry of Justice until 01.01.2023); requests under Art. 34 and under Arts. 8, 9, 33 only through the Central Authority (Arts. 34(2), 44); reservation under Art. 55 as to a child's immovable property in Ukraine	58 Contracting Parties · status table
Choice of Court Convention, 2005 exclusive choice of court agreements in civil or commercial matters between businesses; recognition of judgments of the chosen court (Arts. 1, 8)	ratification 15.06.2021 (Law No. 1544-IX) · in force since 01.08.2023	no declarations or reservations by Ukraine (ratification law)	39 Contracting Parties: the EU and its member states, Denmark, United Kingdom, Mexico, Singapore, Montenegro, Albania, Moldova, Switzerland, North Macedonia, Bahrain, Monaco; signed but not ratified — USA, China, Israel, Kosovo, Costa Rica · status table
Child Support Convention, 2007 administrative co-operation and recognition of maintenance decisions for children under 21 and spouses (Art. 2)	ratification 11.01.2013 (Law No. 26-VII) · instrument deposited 24.07.2013 · in force since 01.11.2013	Central Authority — Ministry of Justice (Art. 4); reservation under Art. 2 — children under 18; Chapters V and VIII extended to maintenance of adult children, parents, grandchildren, siblings and step-parents (Art. 2(3)); procedure of Art. 24; complete certified copy of the decision (Art. 25); reservation under Art. 30 — maintenance arrangements not recognised	57 Contracting Parties · status table
Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations, 2007 choice-of-law rules for maintenance arising from family relationships, including party choice of law (Arts. 3–8)	ratification 01.07.2022 (Law No. 2339-IX) · instrument deposited 29.08.2022 · in force since 01.12.2022; the Private International Law Act was aligned by Law No. 2802-IX of 01.12.2022 (Arts. 66–68)	no declarations or reservations	35 Contracting Parties · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Judgments Convention, 2019 recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil or commercial matters; family, succession, insolvency, IP, arbitration and other matters excluded (Arts. 1–2)	signed 04.03.2020 · ratification 01.07.2022 (Law No. 2342-IX) · in force since 01.09.2023	no reservations (ratification law); declaration of 01.12.2023 (HCCH): the Convention applies throughout Ukraine except territories where hostilities are (were) conducted or temporarily occupied by Russia	in force between Ukraine and the EU with 26 member states (not Denmark) since 01.09.2023, Uruguay since 01.10.2024, the United Kingdom since 01.07.2025, Albania and Montenegro since 01.03.2026, Andorra since 01.06.2026; signed but not ratified — USA, Israel, Costa Rica, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Russia · status table

United Nations and UNCITRAL

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 1980) uniform rules on formation of the sales contract and the parties' rights and obligations between businesses in different contracting states (Art. 1)	accession by the Ukrainian SSR 23.08.1989 (Decree of the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada No. 7978-XI) · instrument deposited 03.01.1990 · in force since 01.02.1991	declaration under Arts. 12 and 96: the provisions of Arts. 11, 29 and Part II allowing a contract, its modification or an offer and acceptance to be made otherwise than in writing do not apply where a party has its place of business in Ukraine	97 Parties · status table
UN Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (New York, 1974) four-year limitation period for claims under international sales contracts (Art. 8)	signed 14.06.1974 · ratification 14.07.1993 (Verkhovna Rada Resolution No. 3382-XII) · in force since 01.04.1994 (Ministry of Justice letter of 11.10.2007)	no declarations; Ukraine is not a party to the 1980 amending Protocol (17 parties) — the unamended 1974 text applies	30 Parties · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958) recognition of arbitration agreements and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards (Arts. I–V)	signed 29.12.1958 · ratified 10.10.1960 · in force since 08.01.1961 (UNTC); the Verkhovna Rada text at 995_070 was unavailable on 31.10.2026	reciprocity declaration: awards made in non-contracting states are enforced only to the extent those states grant reciprocal treatment	172 Parties · status table
European Convention on International Commercial Arbitration (Geneva, 1961) arbitration agreements and arbitral procedure between parties from different contracting states (Art. I)	signed 21.04.1961 · ratification 25.01.1963 (Decree of the Presidium of the Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian SSR) · instrument deposited 18.03.1963 · in force since 07.01.1964 (UNTC)	no declarations	31 Parties · status table
Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance (New York, 1956) transmission of maintenance claims through transmitting and receiving agencies (Arts. 1–2)	accession 20.07.2006 (Law No. 15-V) · instrument deposited 19.09.2006 (UNTC) · under Art. 14(2) in force on the thirtieth day after deposit, i.e. 19.10.2006; the Verkhovna Rada record gives no date for Ukraine	transmitting and receiving agency — Ministry of Justice (Art. 2)	64 Parties · status table
UN Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (Singapore, 2018) enforcement of international settlement agreements resulting from mediation (Art. 1)	signed 07.08.2019 (signing authority — Presidential Order No. 239/2019-pn) · not ratified; not in force for Ukraine	—	25 Parties, 60 signatories; in force since 12.09.2020 · status table

UNIDROIT

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Cape Town, 2001) international interests in aircraft objects, railway rolling stock and space assets; international registry and priority (Arts. 2, 16, 29)	signed 09.03.2004 · ratification 06.06.2012 (Law No. 4904-VI) · instrument deposited 31.07.2012 · in force since 01.11.2012	declarations: Art. 50 — not applied to internal transactions in respect of all types of objects; Art. 53 — the relevant courts are the courts of general jurisdiction; Art. 54(2) — creditor's remedies may be exercised without leave of the court unless the Protocol requires a court application	90 Contracting States · status table
Aircraft Protocol to the Cape Town Convention, 2001 application of the Convention to airframes, engines and helicopters; IDERA, insolvency remedies (Arts. IX, XI, XIII)	signed 03.03.2004 · ratification 06.06.2012 (Law No. 4904-VI) · in force since 01.11.2012	declarations: Art. XXX(1) — Arts. VIII (choice of law) and XIII (IDERA) apply; Art. XXX(3) — Alternative A of Art. XI for all insolvency proceedings, waiting period not more than 60 calendar days; Art. XIX — designated entry point: State Aviation Service of Ukraine	87 Contracting States and the EU · status table
UNIDROIT Convention on International Financial Leasing (Ottawa, 1988) rights and duties of lessor, lessee and supplier in international financial leasing (Arts. 1, 3)	accession 11.01.2006 (Law No. 3301-IV) · instrument deposited 05.12.2006 · in force since 01.07.2007 (MFA letter of 26.03.2007)	no declarations	11 Contracting States · status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
UNIDROIT Convention on International Factoring (Ottawa, 1988) assignment of receivables under international sales contracts to a factor (Arts. 1–2)	accession 11.01.2006 (Law No. 3302-IV) · instrument deposited 05.12.2006 · in force since 01.07.2007 (MFA letter of 26.03.2007)	no declarations	9 Contracting States · status table

Council of Europe

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
European Convention on Information on Foreign Law, 1968 (ETS 062) replies by state authorities to courts' requests on civil and commercial law, procedure and judicial organisation (Art. 1)	participation as a successor state of the USSR (Verkhovna Rada Resolution No. 3385-XII of 14.07.1993) · Council of Europe: ratification 13.06.1994 · in force since 14.09.1994	receiving and transmitting agency under Art. 2 — Ministry of Justice (Council of Europe list of authorities)	status table
Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law, 1978 (ETS 097) extends the Convention to criminal law and procedure and to requests connected with legal aid (Arts. 1–3)	accession 14.07.1993 (Verkhovna Rada Resolution No. 3386-XII) · in force since 14.09.1994	—	status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
European Convention on the Abolition of Legalisation of Documents executed by Diplomatic Agents or Consular Officers, 1968 (ETS 063) documents executed by consular or diplomatic officers of the parties are exempt from legalisation, including certifications (Arts. 2–3)	signed 23.04.2021 · ratification 01.07.2022 (Law No. 2340-IX, effective 01.01.2023) · instrument deposited 05.01.2023 · in force since 06.04.2023 (MFA letter of 17.01.2023)	no declarations	status table
Convention on the Establishment of a Scheme of Registration of Wills, 1972 (ETS 077) national registers of wills and enquiries after the testator's death (Arts. 1–2)	signed 29.11.2005 · ratification 10.07.2010 (Law No. 2490-VI) · instrument deposited 30.09.2010 · in force since 31.12.2010	national body under Art. 3 — Ministry of Justice	status table
European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock, 1975 (ETS 085) establishment of parentage, maintenance and succession rights of children born out of wedlock (Arts. 2–9)	signed 24.01.2006 · ratification 14.01.2009 (Law No. 862-VI) · instrument deposited 26.03.2009 · in force since 27.06.2009	no declarations	status table
European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid, 1977 (ETS 092) transmission of legal aid applications in civil, commercial and administrative matters through central authorities (Arts. 1–2)	signed 04.10.2016 · ratification 07.06.2017 (Law No. 2088-VIII) · instrument deposited 12.09.2017 · in force since 13.10.2017	transmitting authority and central receiving authority — Ministry of Justice (Art. 2); Art. 6(1)(b) (documents in French or English) wholly excluded under Art. 13; the 2001 Additional Protocol (ETS 179) is not signed by Ukraine	status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children, 1980 (ETS 105) recognition of custody decisions and restoration of custody after improper removal (Arts. 1, 7–8)	signed 24.01.2006 · ratification 06.03.2008 (Law No. 135-VI) · instrument deposited 30.07.2008 · in force since 01.11.2008	Central Authority — Ministry of Justice (Art. 2); documents from states that excluded Art. 6(1)(b) must be in Ukrainian or translated (Art. 6(3)); reservation under Art. 17 — right to refuse recognition on the grounds of Art. 10 in cases under Arts. 8 and 9	status table
European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights, 1996 (ETS 160) procedural rights of children in family proceedings before courts (Arts. 1, 3–6)	signed 07.05.1999 · ratification 03.08.2006 (Law No. 69-V) · instrument deposited 21.12.2006 · in force since 01.04.2007	declaration under Art. 1(4): categories of proceedings — adoption, guardianship, residence of the child, deprivation of parental rights, other parent–child matters, matters concerning the child personally and the family	status table
European Convention on Nationality, 1997 (ETS 166) principles on acquisition and loss of nationality, multiple nationality, state succession (Chapters II–VI)	signed 01.07.2003 · ratification 20.09.2006 (Law No. 163-V) · instrument deposited 21.12.2006 · in force since 01.04.2007	reservation to Art. 8(2) — meaning of "nationals habitually resident abroad"; Chapter VII (military obligations in cases of multiple nationality) excluded under Art. 25(1)	status table
Convention on Contact concerning Children, 2003 (ETS 192) transfrontier contact between children and parents or other persons; safeguards for return after contact (Arts. 1, 10)	signed 15.05.2003 · ratification 20.09.2006 (Law No. 166-V) · instrument deposited 21.12.2006 · in force since 01.04.2007	Central Authority for transfrontier contact — Ministry of Justice (Art. 11)	status table

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised), 2008 (CETS 202) substantive conditions of adoption, consents, effects, access to information (Arts. 3–22); Ukraine is not a party to the 1993 Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention	signed 28.04.2009 · ratification 15.02.2011 (Law No. 3017-VI) · instrument deposited 04.05.2011 · in force since 01.09.2011	reservation under Art. 27(1) to Art. 7(1)(a)(ii) — adoption by two persons of different sex in a registered partnership not permitted; authority for requests under Art. 15 — Ministry of Education and Science	status table
European Convention on the Service Abroad of Documents relating to Administrative Matters, 1977 (ETS 094) service of documents of administrative authorities through central authorities	signed 12.04.2018 · not ratified; not in force for Ukraine	—	status table
European Convention on the Obtaining Abroad of Information and Evidence in Administrative Matters, 1978 (ETS 100) requests by administrative authorities for information and evidence abroad	signed 12.04.2018 · not ratified; not in force for Ukraine	—	status table

Other conventions and agreements, including those no longer in force

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
Geneva Convention for the Settlement of Certain Conflicts of Laws in connection with Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, 1930 choice-of-law rules on capacity, form and obligations under bills of exchange (Arts. 2–8); alongside the Convention providing a Uniform Law for Bills of Exchange (995_009, Law No. 826-XIV)	accession 06.07.1999 (Law No. 827-XIV) · in force since 06.01.2000 (Verkhovna Rada record)	no declarations; the Uniform Law is applied with the reservations permitted by Annex II (Law No. 826-XIV)	depositary — UN (League of Nations treaties)
Inter-American Convention on Proof of and Information on Foreign Law (Montevideo, 1979; OAS) co-operation in proving the text, validity and meaning of foreign law; admissible means include expert opinions of lawyers or specialists (Arts. 1–3)	accession 02.03.2021 (Law No. 1301-IX) · in force since 17.06.2021 (MFA letter of 02.06.2021); Ukraine is a non-OAS state party	Central Authority under Art. 9 — Ministry of Justice	depositary — OAS General Secretariat
CIS Convention on Legal Assistance and Legal Relations in Civil, Family and Criminal Matters (Minsk, 1993) and its 1997 Protocol legal assistance, choice-of-law rules and recognition of judgments among CIS states	ratification 10.11.1994 (Law No. 240/94-BP) · in force since 14.04.1995 · suspended with Russia and Belarus 27.12.2022, withdrawal — Law No. 2783-IX of 01.12.2022 · ceased to apply to Ukraine 29.12.2023	no longer in force; bilateral treaties remain with Moldova, Georgia and Uzbekistan; with the other CIS states only reciprocity and the Hague Conventions	—

Instrument · subject	For Ukraine	Declarations, reservations, competent authorities	Parties · depositary status
CIS Agreement on the Procedure for Settling Disputes Connected with Economic Activity (Kyiv, 1992) jurisdiction and recognition of commercial court judgments among CIS states	ratification 19.12.1992 (Verkhovna Rada Resolution) · withdrawal — Law No. 2855-IX of 12.01.2023 · ceased to apply to Ukraine 05.02.2023	no longer in force	—

What is not among Ukraine's treaties

A checklist of instruments often assumed to bind Ukraine although Ukraine has not signed or not ratified them.

Lugano Convention 2007 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters — parties: EU, Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland; Ukraine is not a party, and Regulation (EU) No 1215/2012 (Brussels I bis) does not extend to it — status

Hague Convention 1993 on Intercountry Adoption — 107 Contracting Parties; Ukraine has not signed — status

Hague Convention 2000 on the International Protection of Adults — 17 Contracting Parties — status

Hague Convention 1973 on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations — 15 Contracting Parties (Ukraine applies the 2007 Protocol instead) — status

Protocol of 1980 amending the Limitation Convention — 17 Parties (Ministry of Justice letter of 11.10.2007) — status

UN Convention 2005 on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts — 21 Parties — status

UN Convention 2004 on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property — not in force; Ukraine has not signed — status

- Singapore Convention on Mediation 2018 — signed 07.08.2019, not ratified — status
- European Convention on State Immunity 1972 (ETS 074) and Convention on the Calculation of Time-Limits 1972 (ETS 076) — not signed — status
- UNIDROIT membership — Ukraine is not among the 63 member states; UNIDROIT conventions are open to non-members — status

How we can help

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