

Return request form

under the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980
on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

To be sent preferably by e-mail to: entraide-civile-internationale@justice.gouv.fr
Or by post to: Département de l'entraide, du droit international privé et européen
Direction des affaires civiles et du sceau
Ministère de la justice
13, Place Vendôme, 75042 Paris Cedex 01

Requesting Central Authority
Country from which the request originates:

Requested Central Authority
Country to which the request is addressed:

I. Identity of the child or children wrongfully removed or retained

Child 1

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Gender:	Female ☐ Male ☐
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Will reach the age of 16 on:	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Country of habitual residence prior to removal or retention abroad:	

Child 2

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Gender:	Female ☐ Male ☐
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Will reach the age of 16 on:	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	

Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Country of habitual residence prior to removal or retention abroad:	

Child 3

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Gender:	Female ☐ Male ☐
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Will reach the age of 16 on:	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Country of habitual residence prior to removal or retention abroad:	

If you have more than three children, please complete annex 1.

II. Identity of the parents

Parent 1:	Father ☐ Mother ☐
Last name(s) and Name(s):	
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Profession:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Current place of residence (precise address):	

Parent 2:	Father ☐ Mother ☐
Last name(s) and Name(s):	
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Profession:	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Current place of residence (precise address):	

III. Decisions concerning the child or children and ongoing legal proceedings

Please indicate below any court decisions or on-going proceedings concerning the child or children (custody rights, access rights, etc.), mentioning the country, the court seized, the date of the decision or, if applicable, the date of the next hearing:

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IV. Return proceedings

1. Person requesting the return (individual or institution)

Quality:	Parent 1 ☐ Parent 2 ☐ Other person with custody rights ☐
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If you have ticked the "Other" box, please give details (identity, contact details, relationship with the child or children, exercise of custody rights, etc.) in the field below:

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2. Additional information on the person requesting the return

Spoken languages:	
Name of the lawyer(s) and their contact details (telephone and e-mail address):	
In the event of legal proceedings abroad, would you like to obtain information about who to apply for legal aid? <i>Your application will be subject to the conditions for granting legal aid in force in the requested State, in accordance with article 25 of the above-mentioned Convention.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☐
Are you opposed to a mediation attempt? <i>See the presentation of international family mediation on last page.</i>	Yes ☐ No ☐

3. In the event of the return of the child or children

Can you travel abroad to pick up the child or children?	Yes ☐ No ☐
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V. Circumstances of the wrongful removal or retention

1. Date and context of removal or retention

Date of removal or start of the wrongful retention:	
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Circumstances of the wrongful removal or retention:

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2. Details of the person who wrongfully removed or retains the child or children

If we are informed of the whereabouts of the person who wrongfully removed or retains the child or children on French territory, a letter will be sent to that person informing them of the request for return and asking them to voluntarily return the child or children to their habitual place of residence.

Author of the removal or retention of the child or children:	Parent 1 ☐ Parent 2 ☐ Other ☐
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If you ticked the "Other" box, please fill the table below:

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Link with the child or the children:	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Telephone number:	
Email address:	
Current place of residence (precise address):	

3. Location of the child or children

Presumed or known current address of the child or children (complete address if known):	
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Any other useful information to locate the child or children when the precise address is unknown:

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4. Any other relevant information on the case that you wish to communicate

Power of Attorney

In accordance with Article 28 of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, I authorise the requested Central Authority and its agents to act on my behalf to make all arrangements reasonably necessary in connection with this application.

Place: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

International Family Mediation

Family mediation offers an alternative way of resolving conflicts that are often difficult, such as break-ups, separations and divorces, or disputes over children or grandchildren (disagreement over where the child should live, maintaining or resuming contact with the child, access rights, etc.). It restores communication and helps members of the same family to find solutions together, with the help of a qualified and impartial third party: the family mediator.

Family mediation can be set up at any time, before and even during legal proceedings, which it does not suspend. It is conducted in accordance with the rules of neutrality, fairness, impartiality and confidentiality, and can only take place with the consent of both parties.

Agreements resulting from mediation may be approved by the judge, at the parties' initiative.

To encourage the use of mediation in cross-border disputes, the Ministry of Justice provides a list of mediators and associations practising international family mediation, depending on the foreign language used and the specific features of the dispute.

This list is available on the website of the Ministry of Justice:

[Enlèvements internationaux d'enfants et droits de visite transfrontières | Justice.fr](https://www.justice.fr)

Documents to enclose with your application

Please send us all the documents listed below, with their translation in the language of the requested State (the State to which the application is addressed). Wherever possible, attachments should be sent **in PDF format** and with translation in the language of the requested states.

☐	Return forms (in French and in the language of the requested State) duly completed
☐	The power of attorney, printed, dated and signed (in French and in the language of the requested State)
☐	Birth certificate for the child or children In France, a multilingual birth certificate is issued free of charge by the municipal services of the place of birth
☐	Identity papers or passports of the parents and the child or children
☐	Any judicial decision or document relating to ongoing proceedings, in France or abroad, concerning the situation of the child or children.
☐	Any document proving the habitual residence of the child or children before the wrongful removal or retention (school certificate, kindergarten certificate, medical documentation, etc.)
☐	Recent pictures of the child or children, and of the taking/retaining parent
☐	Translation of the documents into the language of the requested State (sworn translation for court decisions)
☐	Any other document useful in understanding the situation

Annex 1

Child 4

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Gender:	Female ☐ Male ☐
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Will reach the age of 16 on:	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Country of habitual residence prior to removal or retention abroad:	

Child 5

Last name(s) et Name(s):	
Gender:	Female ☐ Male ☐
Date and place of birth (town, country):	
Will reach the age of 16 on:	
Nationality (list all if more than one):	
Passport or identity card number for each nationality (if more than one):	
Country of habitual residence prior to removal or retention abroad:	