SUBJECT: Information update for the Republic of Croatia, cross-border placement

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Ministry for Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy, as the Central Authority of the Republic of Croatia for Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003 concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility, informs you that request for prior consent under article 56 of the above mentioned Regulation, together with report on the child and reasons for the proposed placement of provision of care has to be sent to the this Ministry and relevant documentation has to be provided.

As regards the placement the following conditions need to be fulfilled:

- provider of social service shall have the decision on the fulfilment of the prescribed conditions for provision of social services;
- provider of social service bears all the costs of arrival, stay and departure of the child, including costs of health insurance, costs of education of the child and possible other costs related to the child

The request for prior consent for cross-border placement of the child shall include:

- report on the child with overall analysis, opinion and the conclusion of expert team about cross-border placement, including the reasons for cross-border placement;
- name of the service provider with whom the placement is proposed;
- planned date of the beginning and the end of the cross-border placement;
a statement of the service provider that he agrees to the provision of the service for the child and that it shall bear all the costs of arrival, stay and departure of the child, including costs of health insurance, costs of education of the child and possible other costs related to the child;

a statement of the requesting state by which it guaranteed that it shall authorise the representative of the service provider to represent the child in order to regulate temporary stay and to take necessary measures for the protection of child on the territory of the Republic of Croatia;

court decisions made in relation to the child, if any (for example, decision on the exercise of parental responsibility over the child, etc.)

relationship of the child with the Republic of Croatia, if any;

document which shows that the child exercised a right to express his/her opinion;

general information about the competent body/authority of the requesting state which makes a decision about placement;

extract from national legislation of the requesting state which is applicable to the measure;

other documents, when necessary (for example, medical documents).

All documents have to be in original, with the certified translation to Croatian language.

In addition, we would like to use this opportunity to inform you that the decision on the placement may be made in the requesting State only if the Ministry for Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy, acting as Central Authority under the above mentioned Regulation, informed requesting Central Authority that the prior consent to the placement has been given.

Kind regards,

STATE SECRETARY
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Att.: as above