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PART III

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Transfer of parental rights and duties between adoption agencies

21. On the joint application of an adoption agency in which the parental rights and duties relating to a child who is in Northern Ireland are vested under Article 17(3) or this Article or by virtue of Article 18(3) or under section 18(5) or 21 of the Adoption Act 1976(**1**) or under section 18(5) or 21 of the Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978(**2**) and any other adoption agency, an authorised court may if it thinks fit by order transfer the parental rights and duties to the latter agency.

(**1**) 1976 c. 36
(**2**) 1978 c. 28