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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

#### CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND CO-OPERATION IN RESPECT OF INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

#### CHAPTER IV

#### PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS IN INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

##### *Article 16*

- 1 If the Central Authority of the State of origin is satisfied that the child is adoptable, it shall—
  - (a) prepare a report including information about his or her identity, adoptability, background, social environment, family history, medical history including that of the child's family, and any special needs of the child;
  - (b) give due consideration to the child's upbringing and to his or her ethnic, religious and cultural background;
  - (c) ensure that consents have been obtained in accordance with Article 4; and
  - (d) determine, on the basis in particular of the reports relating to the child and the prospective adoptive parents, whether the envisaged placement is in the best interests of the child.
- 2 It shall transmit to the Central Authority of the receiving State its report on the child, proof that the necessary consents have been obtained and the reasons for its determination on the placement, taking care not to reveal the identity of the mother and the father if, in the State of origin, these identities may not be disclosed.