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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 269**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS**

**The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1996**

*Made* - - - - - *14th February 1996*  
*Coming into force* - - - - - *1st March 1996*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 14th day of February 1996

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by sections 2 and 13 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985(1), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 1st March 1996.

2. The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1995(2) and the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order 1995(3) are revoked.

3. The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986(4) is amended by deleting Schedule 2 and substituting therefor the Schedule at Schedule A to this Order.

4. The Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1993(5) is amended by deleting the Schedule and substituting therefor the Schedule at Schedule B to this Order.

*N. H. Nicholls*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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(1) 1985 c. 60.  
(2) S.I.1995/1295.  
(3) S.I. 1995/1616.  
(4) S.I. 1986/1159.  
(5) S.I. 1993/3144.

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## SCHEDULE A

## “SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT  
OF DECISIONS CONCERNING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND ON THE  
RESTORATION OF CUSTODY OF CHILDREN, LUXEMBOURG, 20TH MAY 1980

Contracting States to the Convention	Territories specified in Declarations under Article 24 or 25 of the Convention	Date of Coming into Force of Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory
Austria	—	1st August 1986
Belgium	—	1st August 1986
Cyprus	—	1st October 1986
Denmark	—	1st August 1991
Finland	—	1st August 1994
France	—	1st August 1986
Germany	—	1st February 1991
Greece	—	1st July 1993
The Republic of Ireland	—	1st October 1991
Italy	—	1st June 1995
Luxembourg	—	1st August 1986
Netherlands	—	1st September 1990
Norway	—	1st May 1989
Poland	—	1st March 1996
Portugal	—	1st August 1986
Spain	—	1st August 1986
Sweden	—	1st July 1989
Switzerland	—	1st August 1986”

SCHEDULE B

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Article 3

CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, THE HAGUE, 25TH OCTOBER 1980

Contracting States to the Convention	Territories specified in Declarations under Articles 39 or 40 of the Convention	Date of Coming into Force of Convention as between the United Kingdom and the State or Territory
The Bahamas	—	1st January 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	7th April 1992
Chile	—	1st May 1994
Colombia	—	1st March 1996
Croatia	—	1st December 1991
Cyprus	—	1st February 1995
Finland	—	1st August 1994
Honduras	—	1st March 1994
Italy	—	1st May 1995
Macedonia	—	1st December 1991
Panama	—	1st May 1994
Slovenia	—	1st June 1994
St Kitts and Nevis	—	1st August 1994
Zimbabwe	—	1st July 1995”

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, which is made under the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, amends the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1986 to add Poland to the list of Contracting States to the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on the Restoration of Custody of Children, signed at Luxembourg on 20th May 1980 (Cm. 191). It also demands the Child Abduction and Custody (Parties to Conventions) Order 1993 in order to specify that, for the purposes of that Act, Colombia is a Contracting State to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, The Hague, 25th october 1980 (Cm. 33), with effect from 1st March 1996.

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