



Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001

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ADOPTION (INTERCOUNTRY ASPECTS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2001

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SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION

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- s. 7 repealed by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5](#)
- s. 9 repealed by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5](#)
- s. 10 repealed by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5](#)
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