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## SCHEDULE

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

#### CHAPTER IV

#### PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS IN INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION

##### *Article 17*

Any decision in the State of origin that a child should be entrusted to prospective adoptive parents may only be made if—

- (a) the Central Authority of that State has ensured that the prospective adoptive parents agree;
- (b) the Central Authority of the receiving State has approved such decision, where such approval is required by the law of that State or by the Central Authority of the State of origin;
- (c) the Central Authorities of both States have agreed that the adoption may proceed; and
- (d) it has been determined, in accordance with Article 5, that the prospective adoptive parents are eligible and suited to adopt and that the child is or will be authorised to enter and reside permanently in the receiving State.

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