

HUNGARY'S RESPONSES

1 Hungary is party to the 1954 Hague Convention on civil procedure and has several bilateral treaties on legal assistance. These treaties had for a long time provided legal basis for cooperation in civil matters with the states that were most important to Hungary (having the closest economic and personal relationships with Hungarians).

2 Yes, Hungary intends to accede to the 1965 Hague Service Convention. As Hungarian people and legal persons have developed connections with states overseas (US, Canada, Australia, Japan) we need a treaty that could serve as a basis for cooperation with these states. Another argument which urges the accession is that we will accede to the 1988 Lugano Convention which in Art 20 refers to the 1965 Hague Convention.

The preparatory work for the accession is on the way. The accession is expected for the spring of 2004.

I hope the above has been of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
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