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DEPOSIT OF THE PHILIPPINES' INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE SERVICE CONVENTION

On Mar. 4, 2020, the Philippines, through Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Administration J. Eduardo Malaya, deposited the Instrument of Accession to the Service of Process Convention during the meeting of the Council on General Affairs and Policy of The Hague Conference on Private International Law ("HCCH") at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands. Among those who witnessed the deposit were Philippine Ambassador to the Netherlands Jaime Victor B. Ledda, Philippine Supreme Court Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, and Court Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez. In his remarks, Undersecretary Malaya expressed that with the deposit of the accession, the Philippines further strengthened its engagement with the HCCH and this would leave the door wide open for future accession to other HCCH conventions. Chief Justice Peralta also expressed that the accession will improve the overall administration of justice. The Convention primarily provides for the transmission of documents which are transmitted from one State Party to the Convention to another State Party.¹

¹ *PH Deposits Instrument of Accession to the Hague Conference on Private International Law*, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, (March 4, 2020) <https://dfa.gov.ph/dfa-news/news-from-our-foreign-service-posts/update/26142-ph-deposits-instrument-of-accession-to-the-hague-conference-on-private-international-law>.