



Report to Congress on Specific Actions Taken Against Countries Determined to have been Engaged in a Pattern of Noncompliance in Cases of International Child Abductions

22 USC 9122(c)(4): Actions by the Secretary of State in response to patterns of noncompliance in cases of international child abductions

Following the release of the 2026 Annual Report on International Child Abduction, consistent with 22 USC 9122, the U.S. Embassy in each of the countries below delivered a demarche to the host government informing them that the Department of State had cited the country and urging corrective action. Below are additional actions taken in the cited countries.

ARGENTINA

In July 2025, officials of U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires attended a special Argentine legislative session focused on efforts to pass a national procedural bill to standardize and streamline International Parental Child Abduction (IPCA) cases. In August 2025, Embassy officials pressed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (MFA) for resolution of pending IPCA cases.

In November 2025, U.S. Ambassador Lamelas raised IPCA concerns with the Argentine Foreign Minister.

In February 2026, U.S. Ambassador Lamelas encouraged passage of a national IPCA procedural bill to Argentine Congressional leadership and raised Argentine noncompliance with the Convention with the Argentine Minister of Justice.

In December 2025 and February 2026, the Embassy sent diplomatic notes urging action in cases on file with the Argentine Central Authority (ACA). Four out of five cases had been pending for more than 12 months.

In March 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues met with the Argentine delegate to the Hague to note the Department's continued concern with Argentina's non-compliance and previewed her upcoming trip to raise these matters.

In April 2026, Embassy officials met with an Argentine congressman who had introduced a national IPCA procedural bill.

In May 2026, the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs and a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs met with the Argentine ambassador to the United States in Washington, DC, calling for immediate action on longstanding IPCA cases and urging passage of a national IPCA procedural bill.

In May 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues traveled to Buenos Aires and met with key officials from the Argentine executive, judiciary, and legislature, raising U.S. concerns with judicial delays in IPCA cases, urging action on a national IPCA procedural bill, and sharing that the Department is considering the use of additional measures as a response to Argentina's noncompliance with the Convention.

Also in May 2026, the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs met in Buenos Aires with the highest levels of the Argentine government, including the Argentine

Minister of Foreign Affairs, repeating calls for immediate action on longstanding cases and urging passage of a national IPCA procedural bill.

Finally, also in May 2026, the Consul General at U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires, alongside the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, delivered a demarche to the Undersecretary for Foreign Policy at the Argentine MFA, noting Argentina's 12th consecutive citation, mostly due to judicial delays at the appellate level. The demarche also urged legislative action on a national IPCA procedural bill.

THE BAHAMAS

Throughout the last 12 months, the Department's Office of Children's Issues and consular officers at U.S. Embassy Nassau rigorously engaged with the Bahamian Central Authority (BCA) regarding IPCA. Regular turnover, extended time out of office, and position vacancies at the BCA prevented more meetings during this time.

In March 2026, the Office of Children's Issues sent a formal letter calling attention to the BCA's filing delay in one case.

In April 2026, the Office of Children's Issues conducted a multi-day regional course on resolving IPCA cases at U.S. Embassy Nassau to ensure U.S. consular teams deploy more strategic tools for engaging central authorities, including the BCA, on IPCA.

In May 2026, the Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission delivered a demarche about The Bahamas' demonstrated pattern of noncompliance directly to the Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The demarche noted lack of resources and procedures delaying applications at the BCA.

In late May 2026, following the demarche, Embassy officials met with the BCA

Deputy Director in Nassau. This meeting yielded significant commitments from the BCA, including a pledge to improve responsiveness, with resources dedicated specifically to Hague matters.

BELIZE

In September 2025, U.S. Embassy Belmopan hosted a third annual IPCA workshop with the Office of Children's Issues and representatives from the Belizean Central Authority, law enforcement officers, immigration officers, attorneys, and family court magistrates to improve Belize's compliance with the Convention.

In February 2026, Department officials met with the Belizean Ambassador to the United States to discuss the Convention and Belize's noncompliance.

In May 2026, the Embassy delivered a demarche to the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, urging Belize to promptly resolve all open Convention cases and noting judicial delays in Convention cases at all levels of the judiciary. The Ministry acknowledged that a shortage of justices hampers Belize's ability to process cases efficiently and expressed interest in enhanced cooperation, including facilitating judicial training.

BRAZIL

Throughout the last 12 months, the Office of Children's Issues held quarterly video conferences with the Brazilian Central Authority (BCA).

In October 2025, the Director for the Office of Children's Issues attended the Hague Permanent Bureau's Second Forum on Domestic Violence (DV) in Fortaleza and engaged key Brazilian officials and contacts involved with IPCA and the Convention.

In February 2026, U.S. Embassy Brasilia transmitted a diplomatic note to the MFA to request timely enforcement of a longstanding return order.

In March 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues engaged members of the BCA and International Hague Network Judges (IHNJs) to raise a longstanding case on the margins of the 2026 annual meeting of the Hague Conference on Private International Law's Conference on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP).

In April 2026, Porto Alegre consular staff met directly with Federal Police alongside the left-behind parent in a longstanding case to discuss updates and the latest efforts taken to resolve the case.

In May 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues led a delegation to Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro to engage key Brazilian officials and contacts involved with IPCA and the Convention. The delegation highlighted noncompliance concerns in meetings with representatives from the Brazilian executive and judiciary, and noted the Department is considering the use of additional measures as a response to Brazil's noncompliance.

In May 2026, the chargé d'affaires, a.i., Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Special Advisor for Children's Issues, and Brasilia Consular Chief delivered a demarche to the Director for Immigration and Judicial Affairs at the MFA to highlight Brazil's 21st consecutive citation for noncompliance, due primarily to judicial delays.

ECUADOR

Throughout the last 12 months, the Office of Children's Issues and Mission Ecuador have held quarterly video conferences with the Ecuadorian Central Authority (ECA), the Public Defender's Office (PDO), and DINAPEN (the branch of the Federal Police that oversees Convention matters).

In September 2025, consular officers from the Office of Children's Issues and U.S. Embassy Quito met with the ECA, PDO, DINAPEN, the Judiciary Council, and International Hague Network Judges to advocate for prompt resolution of two longstanding cases.

In May 2026, the chargé d'affaires, a.i. at U.S. Embassy Quito delivered a demarche to the Ecuadorian MFA, urging Ecuador to promptly resolve all open Convention cases. The demarche noted Ecuador's failure to locate children in a timely manner.

EGYPT

In September 2025, U.S. Embassy Cairo met with the Assistant Minister of Justice for International Cooperation and the Goodwill Committee of the Egyptian government to deliver a diplomatic note on new IPCA cases, discuss pending cases, and request assistance with resolutions. The Embassy also requested the establishment of regular meetings with the Goodwill Committee to discuss ongoing cases.

In January 2026, U.S. Embassy Cairo met with the Goodwill Committee to discuss a complex IPCA case, and developments in other pending IPCA cases. Through some assistance from the Egyptian authorities, a complex case was successfully resolved.

In February 2026, Department officials, including the Special Advisor for Children's Issues, and Embassy personnel held a video conference with the Goodwill Committee to discuss IPCA cases and Hague accession.

In June 2026, the Deputy Consul General at U.S. Embassy Cairo delivered a demarche to the Ministry of Justice Goodwill Committee, urging Egypt to assist in resolving pending IPCA cases.

HONDURAS

In June 2025, the Office of Children's Issues and U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa met with a Honduran Hague Network Judge to discuss ways to increase Convention awareness among the Honduran legal community and prioritize Convention cases, including efforts to introduce draft legislation on IPCA in Honduras.

Since June 2025, the Office of Children's Issues held quarterly meetings with the Honduran Central Authority (HCA) to address pending cases and Convention responsibilities.

In August 2025, the Office of Children's Issues met with the HCA specifically to highlight best practices in case management and underscore the importance of regular communication between central authorities and with judicial authorities.

In February 2026, the chargé d'affaires, a.i. met with the Honduran Minister of Foreign Affairs, emphasizing that promptly resolving Convention cases remains a top Administration priority.

In April 2026, the chargé d'affaires, a.i. raised IPCA concerns and Honduras's pending implementing legislation to improve implementation of the Convention with the Honduran Supreme Court President. The Deputy Chief of Mission met with the Director of the HCA in April 2026, raising two longstanding cases and highlighting failures by Honduran authorities to resolve Convention cases in a timely manner. U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa officials met with a Supreme Court Magistrate, who is a Honduran Hague Network Judge and leads the committee

drafting the implementing legislation, to discuss next steps for the draft legislation and plans for a future judicial training in Honduras.

In May 2026, the Consul General at U.S. Embassy Tegucigalpa delivered a demarche to the Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs, urging Honduras to promptly resolve all open Convention cases. The demarche noted systemic issues within the HCA and judicial delays in Convention cases at the appellate level.

INDIA

U.S. Embassy New Delhi delivered diplomatic notes in July 2025, October 2025, December 2025, and March 2026 expressing concern to the Government of India regarding unresolved IPCA cases and requesting Indian government officials work with the Department through dedicated bilateral meetings to resolve these cases.

In August 2025, U.S. Embassy New Delhi hosted an event for the legal community in New Delhi to discuss challenges and legal hurdles present in Indian international parental child abduction cases and the benefits of the Hague Abduction Convention.

In October 2025, Embassy Consular Staff observed Mediation Cell proceedings administered by the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights under the Ministry of Women's and Child Development. The Department continues to express concerns to Indian officials on the Cell's limitations in enforcing participation of their mediation efforts and ultimately resolving IPCA cases between the United States and India.

The Office of Children's Issues visited the Consulates General of India in Houston in September 2025 and in New York in May 2026 to discuss IPCA prevention

resources with Consulate staff and provide materials to share with the Indian diaspora.

In March 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues met with representatives from the Government of India at the Council on General Affairs and Policy (CGAP) to encourage communication on IPCA concerns.

In June 2026, the Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs at Embassy New Delhi delivered a demarche to the Ministry of External Affairs and reiterated the need for cooperation to resolve all active cases.

JORDAN

In November 2025, U.S. Embassy Amman delivered a diplomatic note expressing concern to the Government of Jordan regarding unresolved IPCA cases and requesting Jordanian government officials to appoint a representative to work with the Department to resolve these cases.

In December 2025, the Office of Children's Issues traveled to Jordan and met with a panel convened by the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which included representatives from the Ministry of Justice and judicial authorities to discuss long-standing cases and establish a regular dialogue. The Office of Children's Issues also met with the legal community at U.S. Embassy Amman to discuss challenges and legal hurdles present in Jordanian IPCA cases and the benefits of the Convention.

In January 2026, U.S. Embassy Amman delivered a diplomatic note on cases of children abducted from the United States to Jordan, requesting the Government of Jordan's assistance with resolving these cases.

In February 2026, the Office of Children's Issues and U.S. Embassy Amman held a video conference with Jordanian officials to discuss longstanding cases and resolution.

In May 2026, U.S. Embassy Amman Acting Consular Chief delivered a demarche to the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Director General of the Directorate of Operations and Consular Affairs notifying the Jordanian government that the Department cited Jordan in the 2026 Annual Report for demonstrating a pattern of noncompliance and requested Jordan's assistance to resolve reported cases.

KOREA, REPUBLIC OF

In July 2025, the Consul General and ACS Chief from U.S. Embassy Seoul engaged with the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General and the Director of the Consular Affairs and Safety Policy Division to discuss the longest-standing IPCA case and related enforcement issues and concerns.

In October 2025, the Office of Children's Issues discussed with the ROK Central Authority (KCA) developments in the enforcement action regarding the longest-standing ROK IPCA case.

In December 2025, following the seventh failed enforcement in the longest-standing ROK IPCA case, U.S. Embassy Seoul met with KCA officials to discuss the case and related enforcement concerns.

In January 2026, the Acting Deputy Chief of Mission from U.S. Embassy Seoul liaised with the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General on consular issues to include the longest-standing ROK IPCA case.

In March 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues met with members of the ROK delegation at CGAP and discussed the longest-standing IPCA case and concerns regarding ROK failure to enforce Hague returns.

In April 2026, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues and the Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs met with the ROK Embassy in Washington, DC to discuss the ICAPRA report, IPCA cases, the longest-standing ROK IPCA case, and the significant concerns that remain regarding the ROK's inability to enforce ROK Hague return orders.

In May 2026, the Consul General and ACS Chief from U.S. Embassy Seoul engaged with the outgoing ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General and the Director of Consular Affairs and Safety Policy Division to discuss pending consular issues to include the longest-standing ROK IPCA case, the ICAPRA report, and systemic challenges with ROK IPCA enforcement attempts. Also in May 2026, U.S. Embassy Seoul held discussions with the bailiffs assigned to enforce the return order for the longest-standing ROK IPCA case.

In May 2026, U.S. Embassy Seoul's Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs delivered a demarche to the ROK's incoming Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General for Consular Affairs officially notifying the ROK government that the Department cited the ROK in the 2026 Annual Report.

PERU

The Office of Children's Issues and U.S. Embassy Lima held bimonthly video conferences with the Peruvian Central Authority (PCA).

In October 2025, the Office of Children's Issues led a two-day judicial training in Lima on U.S. best practices related to voluntary return letters, law enforcement

coordination, and prevention measures.

In December 2025, the Embassy sent a letter to the Centro de Emergencia Mujer requesting assistance contacting the taking parent of two minors in order to arrange a consular welfare visit in a longstanding case.

In March 2026, U.S. Embassy Lima sent a diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting the expeditious enforcement of a return order pending since 2023.

In April 2026, U.S. Embassy Lima met with two separate offices at the Ministry of Women, Children, and Vulnerable Populations, which houses the PCA, for an update on a longstanding case where whereabouts of the children and taking parent are unknown and enforcement of a return order is still pending since 2023.

In May 2026, U.S. Embassy Lima delivered a demarche to the MFA regarding Peruvian court proceedings that appeared inconsistent with Peru's obligations under the Convention.

Also in May 2026, the chargé d'affaires, a.i. delivered a demarche to the Peruvian MFA following the Department's 12th consecutive citation of Peru for noncompliance in the 2026 Annual Report on International Child Abduction to Congress.

POLAND

In September 2025, the Special Advisor for Children's Issues traveled to Warsaw to meet with Polish government officials and legislators to address systemic challenges in IPCA cases and to lay the groundwork for collaboration.

In April 2026, Department of State officials met with representatives of Poland's

Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to discuss unresolved IPCA cases and compliance concerns under the Convention.

In April 2026, the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Overseas Citizens Services met with the MOJ in Warsaw to inform that Poland was cited again in our annual report to Congress for patterns of noncompliance and to convey our continued concerns regarding Poland's lack of compliance with the Convention and why the Polish government should address these problems. He also relayed the interest of the United States and seven other countries to meet with the MOJ to discuss Polish Hague compliance.

Also in May 2026 during the U.S.-E.U. Consular Dialogue, the DAS raised the citation of Poland for their failure to enforce court ordered returns of children under the Convention. The DAS expressed that the United States remains particularly concerned about Poland's implementation of the Convention, noting that the United States and its partners, including several EU member states, jointly expressed their concerns to Poland's MOJ regarding these enforcement failures.

In June 2026, the DAS met with the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Polish embassy in Washington, D.C. to convey our interest in seeking a senior-level meeting with the Polish government to address Poland's implementation of and compliance with the Hague Convention on international parental child abduction.

SERBIA

In October 2025, the Office of Children's Issues met with the Serbian DCM in Washington to express concerns over lengthy delays and failed enforcement attempts for a long-standing IPCA case.

In November 2025, U.S. Embassy Belgrade met with the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Social Welfare. The U.S. chargé d'affaires, a.i. met with the Minister of Justice in December 2025. In February, March, and April 2026, the Embassy met with Serbian officials to advocate for prompt resolution of IPCA cases.

In March 2026, the Assistant Secretary of Consular Affairs met with the Serbian Ambassador in Washington and expressed concern over Serbia's failure to abide by the Hague Convention. That same month, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Overseas Citizen Services reiterated the same points to the Serbian Deputy Chief of Mission.

In June 2026, the U.S. Embassy Belgrade chargé d'affaires, a.i. delivered a demarche to the Serbian MFA, highlighting Serbia's failure to resolve IPCA cases under the Convention.

In June 2026, the Office of Children's Issues traveled to Belgrade for meetings with the Serbian officials to emphasize administration priorities of prompt resolution of cases.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

In June 2025, the Country Consular Coordinator at U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi delivered a demarche to the UAE Assistant Undersecretary for Consular Affairs, highlighting the Government of UAE's failure to assist with IPCA cases and urging cooperation.

In July 2025, October 2025, and February 2026, the Embassy delivered diplomatic notes to the Government of the UAE notifying them of new IPCA cases and requesting assistance in resolving existing cases.

In July 2025, September 2025, and May 2026, the Embassy met with the UAE MFA's consular department to discuss pending IPCA cases and the general importance of IPCA as a consular issue.

In May 2026 at the U.S.-E.U. Consular Dialogue, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Overseas Citizen Services pressed for coordination by E.U. member states and United States to increase UAE's cooperation on IPCA issues.

In June 2026, the Country Officer from the Office of Children's Issues and the desk officer from the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs delivered a demarche to the Consular Chief at the Embassy of the UAE in Washington, DC citing the lack of progress toward cooperation and IPCA case resolution.