

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Summary of the Recommendation

The Recommendation urges the U.S. Senate to give its advice and consent to ratification of the 2007 Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance (the “Child Support Convention”). It also urges the U.S. Congress to enact the necessary implementing legislation.

2. Summary of the Issue that the Resolution Addresses

Absent a treaty, it is often difficult, if not impossible, to enforce child support obligations in cross-border cases when the custodial parent and child live in one country and the non-custodial parent lives in another. The United States is not a party to any multilateral child support convention. All of the prior child support conventions are outmoded and fail to address many of the problems facing parents and child support workers in these cases.

3. Please Explain How the Proposed Policy Position will Address the Issue

The subject of the Recommendation – the Child Support Convention – provides for a uniform, comprehensive system of cooperation between child support authorities of Contracting States, establishes uniform procedures for the recognition and enforcement of foreign child support decisions, and requires effective measures for the prompt enforcement of maintenance decisions.

4. Summary of Minority Views

None of which we are aware.