

- (b) for the giving of notices by or to a court for the purposes of the provisions of Article 16 of the Convention and section 8 and generally as respects proceedings to which those provisions apply;
- (c) for enabling a person who wishes to make an application under the Convention in a territory other than Anguilla to obtain from any court in Anguilla an authenticated copy of any decision of that court relating to the child to whom the application is to relate.

### PART 3

#### RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF CUSTODY DECISIONS

##### **European Convention to have the force of law**

**11.** Subject to the provisions of this Part, the provisions of the Convention shall have the force of law in Anguilla.

##### **States party to the Convention**

**12.** (1) For the purposes of this Act, the States party to the Convention shall be those for the time being specified by the Governor in Council by Regulations under this section.

(2) Regulations under this section shall specify the date of the coming into force of the Convention as between Anguilla and any country specified in the Regulations.

##### **Central Authority**

**13.** The functions under the Convention of the Central Authority shall be discharged by the Attorney General and any application made under the Convention by or on behalf of any person outside Anguilla may be addressed to the Attorney General.

##### **Recognition of decisions**

**14.** (1) Articles 7 and 12 of the Convention shall have effect in accordance with this section.

(2) A decision to which either of those Articles applies which was made in a State party to the Convention shall be recognised in Anguilla as if made by a court having jurisdiction to make it in Anguilla but—

- (a) the High Court may, on the application of any person appearing to the court to have an interest in the matter, declare on any of the grounds specified in Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention that the decision is not to be recognised in Anguilla; and
- (b) the decision shall not be enforceable in Anguilla unless registered in the High Court under section 15.

(3) The references in Article 9(1)(c) of the Convention to the removal of the child are to his improper removal within the meaning of the Convention.