

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NO. 695

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**THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, 25 OCTOBER 1980****PUBLICATION FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES: ACCEPTANCE BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA OF COUNTRIES THAT ACCEDED TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION, 1980 IN TERMS OF ARTICLE 38 THEREOF**

I, Tshililo Michael Masutha, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, acting in terms of Article 38 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 25 October 1980, hereby and with effect from 1 May 2016-

- (a) Declare in accordance with Article 38 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction that the Hague Convention will enter into force between South Africa and respectively Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Estonia, Georgia, the Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Zambia, and the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Fiji, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Nicaragua, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Seychelles, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



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