

Greece

Date Ratified the Convention **3-19-1993**

Date of Entry into Force with U.S. **6-1-1993**

Pattern of Noncompliance **Judicial Performance**

Greece's record of compliance with the Convention in FY 2007 was mixed, involving both successful returns as well as cases in which Greece appears to have been non-compliant with Convention principles. Our most serious and systematic concern involves lengthy delays in Convention proceedings on virtually all cases. In addition, in our assessment, the judiciary too frequently denies returns based on routine acceptance of an Article 13(b) . While these patterns of noncompliance indicate that the Greek judiciary requires further education about the Convention, we note steps taken by the Ministry of Justice to train sitting judges and students training to be judges on Convention procedures at the School of Judges in Thessaloniki, including two workshops which were held during FY 2007.

Article 13(b) states that a country is not obligated to return a child if "there is a grave risk that his or her return would expose the child to physical or psychological harm or otherwise place the child in an intolerable situation."

<http://travel.state.gov/pdf/2008HagueAbductionConventionComplianceReport.pdf>