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In this article:

1.  "Application" means a request under the convention by an obligee or obligor, or on behalf of a child, made through a central authority for assistance from another central authority.

2.  "Central authority" means the entity designated by the United States or a foreign country described in section 25‑1202, paragraph 5, subdivision (d) to perform the functions specified in the convention.

3.  "Convention support order" means a support order of a tribunal of a foreign country described in section 25‑1202, paragraph 5, subdivision (d).

4.  "Direct request" means a petition filed by an individual in a tribunal of this state in a proceeding involving an obligee, obligor or child residing outside the United States.

5.  "Foreign central authority" means the entity designated by a foreign country described in section 25‑1202 to perform the functions specified in the convention.

6.  "Foreign support agreement":

(a)  Means an agreement for support in a record to which all of the following apply:

(i)  It is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin.

(ii)  It has been formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal or authenticated by, or concluded, registered or filed with, a foreign tribunal.

(iii)  It may be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal.

(b)  Includes a maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the convention.

7.  "United States central authority" means the secretary of the United States department of health and human services. END\_STATUTE