

Apostille Convention

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On January 19, 2016, Congress of the Republic of Guatemala approved **Decree 1-2016**, in which it ratified the “Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (concluded at The Hague on October 5, 1961)”, commonly known as the “**Apostille Convention**” and Decree 1- 2016 was published in the Government Gazette on February 18, 2016.

Six months after Guatemala has deposited its accession to the Convention, and after 60 days have passed by after the deposit without having been any objections, the apostille may be accepted as one of the ways to legalize foreign public documents.

Compared to the current system in effect, better known as “chain of legalization”, the process using the Apostille will be quicker and cheaper.

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