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## SCHEDULES

PROSPECTIVE

### SCHEDULE 9

#### International protection of adults

#### **Part 1**

#### Preliminary

#### *Central Authority*

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(2) A communication may be sent to the Central Authority in relation to Northern Ireland by sending it to the Department of Justice.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)