

## **EXERCISE: CG 7**

Module:	Transfer Skills
Type of Exercise:	Written or sight translation
Topic:	Civil law - divorce waiver
Learning Outcome(s):	<p>On completion of this exercise, trainees will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• reviewed both the Spanish and English versions of a legal document</li><li>• carried out contrastive analysis exercises to ascertain examples of well-rendered items as well as examples of translation that could be improved</li><li>• had the opportunity to translate in writing or orally, these texts in either direction.</li></ul>
Language (Combination):	English/Spanish
Equipment:	None required, although audio-recording equipment would allow students to tape, review and evaluate their own performance
Time:	60 minutes
Suitable for:	Intermediate
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## TEXTS

### Standard Sample Divorce Waiver Form (English)

I \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby state that:

I have retained the attorneys of Cunningham-Webber Legal Services to file a lawsuit or counter lawsuit to try to obtain a divorce for me. I understand that a court may award me any or even all of the five additional items listed below if I ask for such item(s) in my lawsuit and if I can prove in court that I have a legal right to such item(s). In addition to a divorce, I authorize my attorney to seek each of the checked items below and understand that any items *not* checked will *not* be asked for from the court.

I understand that by *not* asking for each of the items specifically I am waiving my rights and that this might prevent me from getting the items *not* checked in the future as well as the present.

- Alimony (money from my spouse for my own support)
- Child Support (money from my spouse for our children's support)
- Custody and/or Visitation (the right to have my children live with me or the right to have them visit me.)
- Equitable Distribution (having the court divide the property owned by myself and my spouse between us)
- Resumption of former name (the right to use the name I had before I got married)

### Formulario de Renuncia de Derechos en el Divorcio (Spanish)

Yo, \_\_\_\_\_, por la presente declaro que:

he contratado a los abogados del bufete de abogados Cunningham-Weber para presentar una demanda o contrademanda de divorcio. Entiendo que el tribunal me puede adjudicar cualquiera o todas las opciones mencionadas abajo si solicito las mismas y si puedo demostrar ante el tribunal que tengo el derecho legal a ellas. Ademas de presentar la demanda de divorcio, autorizo a mi abogado solicitar cada una de las opciones indicadas abajo y entiendo que culaquier opción no indicada no se solicitará al Juez.

Entiendo que, al no solicitar alguna opción, renuncio mi derecho a ella y que esto me impide conseguirla tanto en el futuro como en el presente.

- Pensión alimenticia (dinero de mi esposo(a) para mi propia manutención)
- Mantenimiento de hijos (dinero de mis esposo(a) para la manutención de nuestros hijos)
- Custodia, patria potestad y/o régimen de visitas (el derecho a que mis hijos vivan conmigo o el derecho a que me visiten regularmente)
- Distribución equitativa (que el tribunal divida entre nosotros los bienes posidos por mi esposo(a) y por mí)
- Recuperación del apellido de soltera (el derecho a usar el apellido que tenía antes de casarme)

#### **SUGGESTED USES OF TEXTS**

- 1) As a contrastive analysis exercise to identify translations that are well achieved and those that could be improved. Also to examine possible alternative translations and their implications.
- 2) As a standard written translation exercise, from English to Spanish.
- 3) As a sight translation exercise, from English to Spanish.
- 4) As a back translation exercise from Spanish to English.
- 5) As a reverse sight translation exercise from Spanish to English.