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**Preliminary draft protocol amending the Additional Protocol to the
Convention on the Transfer of sentenced Persons (ETS N°167)**

Preamble

The member States of the Council of Europe, and the other States signatory to this Protocol.

Desirous of facilitating the application of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons opened for signature at Strasbourg on 18 December 1997 (hereinafter referred to as "the Additional Protocol") in particular pursuing its acknowledged aims of furthering the ends of justice and the social rehabilitation of sentenced persons;

Considering it desirable to modernise and improve the Additional Protocol [by removing unnecessary obstacles] taking into account the evolution in international co-operation as regards transfer of sentenced persons since its entry into force;

Have agreed to amend the Additional Protocol as follows:

Article 1

Article 2 of the Additional Protocol shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“Article 2 – Persons having left the sentencing State before having served their sentence

1 Where a national of a Party who is the subject of a sentence imposed in the territory of another Party as a part of a final judgment, avoids the execution or further execution of the sentence in the sentencing State by returning to the territory of the former Party before having served the sentence, the sentencing State may request the other Party to take over the execution of the sentence.

2 At the request of the sentencing State, the administering State may, prior to the arrival of the documents supporting the request, or prior to the decision on that request, arrest the sentenced person, or take any other measure to ensure that the sentenced person remains in its territory, pending a decision on the request. Requests for provisional measures shall include the information mentioned in paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Convention. The penal position of the sentenced person shall not be aggravated as a result of any period spent in custody by reason of this paragraph.

3 The consent of the sentenced person shall not be required to the transfer of the execution of the sentence.”

Article 2

Article 3 of the Additional Protocol shall be replaced by the following provisions:

“Article 3 – Sentenced persons subject to an expulsion or deportation order

1 Upon being requested by the sentencing State, the administering State may, subject to the provisions of this Article, agree to the transfer of a sentenced person without the consent of that person, where the sentence passed on the latter, or an administrative decision, includes an expulsion

or deportation order or any other measure as the result of which that person will no longer be allowed to remain in the territory of the sentencing State once he or she is released from prison.

2 The administering State shall not give its agreement for the purposes of paragraph 1 before having taken into consideration the opinion of the sentenced person.

3 For the purposes of the application of this Article, the sentencing State shall furnish the administering State with:

a a declaration containing the opinion of the sentenced person as to his or her proposed transfer, or a declaration that the sentenced person refuses to provide an opinion in this regard and

b a copy of the expulsion or deportation order or any other order having the effect that the sentenced person will no longer be allowed to remain in the territory of the sentencing State once he or she is released from prison.

4 Any person transferred under the provisions of this Article shall not be proceeded against, sentenced or detained with a view to the carrying out of a sentence or detention order, for any offence committed prior to his or her transfer other than that for which the sentence to be enforced was imposed, nor shall he or she for any other reason be restricted in his or her personal freedom, except in the following cases:

a when the sentencing State so authorises: a request for authorisation shall be submitted, accompanied by all relevant documents and a legal record of any statement made by the convicted person; authorisation shall be given when the offence for which it is requested would itself be subject to extradition under the law of the sentencing State or when extradition would be excluded only by reason of the amount of punishment. The decision shall be taken as soon as possible and no later than 90 days after receipt of the request for consent. Where it is not possible for the sentencing State to comply with the period provided for in this paragraph, it shall inform the administering State, providing the reasons for the delay and the estimated time needed for the decision to be taken;

b when the sentenced person, having had an opportunity to leave the territory of the administering State, has not done so within 45 days of his or her final discharge, or if he or she has returned to that territory after leaving it.

5 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4, the administering State may take any measures necessary under its law, including proceedings in absentia, to prevent any legal effects of lapse of time.

6 Any contracting State may, by way of a declaration addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, indicate that it will not take over the execution of sentences under the circumstances described in this Article."

Transitory provisions

Article 3

This Protocol shall be open for acceptance by the Parties to the Additional Protocol. No reservation may be made.

Present and future Parties to the Convention may accede to the Additional Protocol subject to simultaneous acceptance of the present Protocol.

Article 4

1 This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the last of the Parties to the Additional Protocol has deposited its instrument of acceptance with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

2 However, this Protocol shall enter into force following the expiry of a period of two years after the date on which it has been opened to acceptance, unless a Party to the Additional Protocol has notified the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of an objection to its entry into force. The right to make an objection shall be reserved to those States which expressed their consent to be bound by the Additional Protocol prior to the expiry of a period of three months after the opening for acceptance of this Protocol.

3 Should such an objection be notified, the Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Party to the Additional Protocol which has notified the objection has deposited its instrument of acceptance with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

4 A Party to the Additional Protocol may, at any time, declare that it will apply the present Protocol on a provisional basis.

Article 5

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council of Europe and the other Parties to the Additional Protocol of:

- a. the deposit of any instrument of acceptance;
- b. any declaration of provisional application of this Protocol in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 4;
- c. any date of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with Article 4, paragraphs 1 to 3;
- d. any other act, notification or communication relating to this Protocol.

Done at Strasbourg, the...., in English and French, and opened for acceptance the Both texts are equally authentic and shall be deposited in a single copy in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to each member State of the Council of Europe and to the other Parties to the Convention