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# Recent Changes regarding Council of Europe Treaties since the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the CAHDI (Strasbourg, 6-7 March 2001)

(Extract from the Internet site <u>conventions.coe.int</u> - in inverse chronological order)

## 13 August 2001

- **Portugal** ratified the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and dignity of the human being with regard to the application of biology and medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No. 164) and the Additional Protocol (ETS No. 168).
- Latvia ratified
  - . the European Interim Agreement on Social Security Schemes relating to Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors, and Protocol thereto (ETS No. 12 and 12A),
  - . the European Interim Agreement on Social Security other than Schemes for Old Age, Invalidity and Survivors, and Protocol thereto (ETS No. 13 and 13A).

## 3 August 2001

• **Ireland** ratified the Protocol No. 7 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 117).

## 2 August 2001

■ Russia ratified the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime (ETS No. 141).

## 31 July 2001

**Belgium** signed the Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities (ETS No. 157).

## 19 July 2001

- **Albania** ratified the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services based on, or consisting of, Conditional Access (ETS No. 178).
- **Estonia** signed the European Convention on the Supervision of Conditionally Sentenced or Conditionally Released Offenders (ETS No. 51).

Slovenia ratified the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 30) and its Additional Protocol (ETS No. 99).

## 18 July 2001

**Luxembourg** signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167).

## 11 July 2001

■ **Turkey** ratified the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (ETS No. 106).

## 9 July 2001

- **Switzerland** signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167).
- The **Czech Republic** ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108).

# 2 July 2001

Georgia signed the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 135).

#### 29 June 2001

Lithuania ratified the European Social Charter (revised) (ETS No. 163).

#### 28 June 2001

Austria ratified the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ETS No. 148).

#### Sweden:

- . ratified the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166), and
- . denounced the Convention on the Reduction of Cases of Multiple Nationality and on Military Obligations in Cases of Multiple Nationality (ETS No. 43).

#### 27 June 2001

#### Moldova :

## signed:

- . the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (ETS No. 62) and its Additional Protocol (ETS No. 97)
- . the European Agreement on "au pair" Placement (ETS No. 68),
- . the European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgments (ETS No. 70).
- . the European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters (ETS

No. 73),

- . the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock (ETS No. 85), and
- . the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services based on, or consisting of, Conditional Access (ETS No. 178).

signed without reservation as to ratification:

. the Additional Protocol to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (ETS No. 159), and . Protocol No. 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning interterritorial co-operation (ETS No. 169).

#### ratified:

- the Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 86), the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 98),
- . the Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 99), and . the Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 162).

## 25 June 2001

#### Armenia :

acceded to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 2) and to its Additional Protocol (ETS No. 10), and

signed the Sixth Additional Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 162).

## 22 June 2001

# The Czech Republic ratified :

- . the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and dignity of the human being with regard to the application of biology and medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No. 164), and
- . Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine, on the Prohibition of Cloning Human Beings (ETS No. 168).

## 15 June 2001

## Georgia ratified :

- . the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24) and its two additionnal Protocols (ETS No. 86 and ETS No. 98), and
- . the Protocol no. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 177).

## 6 June 2001

**Switzerland** signed the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services based on, or consisting of, Conditional Access (ETS No. 178).

#### 1 June 2001

- **Estonia** signed the Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law (ETS No. 172).
- Cyprus ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167).
- **Lithuania** ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108).

## 31 May 2001

## Bulgaria :

signed the Convention for the protection of Human Rights and dignity of the human being with regard to the application of biology and medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No. 164),

and

ratified:

- . the European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights (ETS No. 161), and
- . the Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 162).

## 30 May 2001

"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" signed the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ETS No. 132).

## Latvia :

signed the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166),

and

ratified:

- . the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid (ETS No. 92),
- . the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108), and
- . the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).

# 17 May 2001

■ Estonia ratified the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105).

#### Albania ratified:

- . the European Convention on the Supervision of Conditionnaly Sentenced or Conditionaly Released Offenders (ETS No. 51),
- . the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (ETS No. 62), et
- . the European Agreement on the Transmission of Applications for Legal Aid (ETS No. 92).

## 11 May 2001

#### Armenia :

acceded to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 112), and

## signed:

- . the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24),
- . the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 30),
- . the European Agreement on the Abolition of Visas for Refugees (ETS No. 31),
- . the European Charter of Local Self-Government (ETS No. 122),
- . the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (ETS No. 126),
- . the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime (ETS No. 141), and
- . the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ETS No. 148).>
- Yugoslavia acceded to the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (ETS No. 157).
- **Moldova** signed the European Convention on the Abolition of Legalisation of Documents executed by Diplomatic Agents or Consular Officers (ETS No. 63).

## 10 May 2001

#### Russia :

ratified the Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe(ETS No. 162), and>

# signed:

- . the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages(ETS No. 148), and . the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).
- **Georgia** signed without reservation as to ratification the European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights (ETS No. 161).

■ **Azerbaijan** signed the European Convention on the Promotion of a Transnational Long-Term Voluntary Service for Young People (ETS No. 175).

# 7 May 2001

- Norway signed and ratified the European Social Charter (revised (ETS No. 163).
- Slovakia ratified:
  - . the European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes (ETS No. 23),
  - . the Agreement on the Temporary Importation, free of duty, of Medical, Surgical and Laboratory Equipment for use on free loan in Hospitals and other Medical Institutions for purposes of Diagnosis or Treatment (ETS No. 33),
  - . the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105), and . the Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime (ETS No. 141).

## 4 May 2001

Hungary ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167).

#### 25 April 2001

- **Morocco** acceded to the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (ETS No. 104).
- **Slovenia** signed the European Agreement on Regulations governing the Movements of Persons between Member States of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 25).
- Estonia ratified :
  - . the European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgments (ETS No. 70), and
  - . the European Convention on the Service Abroad of Documents relating to Administrative Matters (ETS No. 94).

## 24 April 2001

#### Romania :

signed the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production (ETS No. 147), and

#### ratified:

. the European Agreement on the Abolition of Visas for Refugees (ETS No. 31), and . the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and dignity of the human being with regard to the application of biology and medicine: Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (ETS No. 164) and its Additional Protocol on the Probibition of Cloning Human Beings (ETS No. 168).

## 18 April 2001

■ **Turkey** signed Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 177).

## 9 April 2001

- **Luxembourg** signed the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services based on, or consisting of, Conditional Access (ETS No. 178).
- **Spain** ratified the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ETS No. 148).

## 3 April 2001

- **Finland** accepted the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (ETS No. 167).
- Poland signed the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 174).
- "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" signed
  - . the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (ETS No. 58);
  - . the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock (ETS No. 85);
  - . the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105);
  - . the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160), and
  - . the Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 162).

# 30 March 2001

■ **Lithuania** signed the Additional Protocol and the Protocol No. 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (ETS No. 159 and ETS No. 169).

## 27 March 2001

■ The United Kingdom ratified the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ETS No. 148).

#### 21 March 2001

- The Netherlands accepted the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166).
- **lceland** ratified the Convention on Recognition of Qualifications concerning higher education in the European Region (ETS No. 165).

#### 19 March 2001

• **Greece** ratified the Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 162).

# 7 March 2001

- Slovakia ratified the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (ETS No. 121).
- Slovenia signed :
  - . the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), and
  - . the Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 177).
- The Czech Republic ratified :
  - . the European Convention on the Legal Status of Children born out of Wedlock (ETS No. 85), and
  - . the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).