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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE'S JURISDICTION UNDER SELECTED INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, SITUATION CONCERNING THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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1. ICJ COMPULSORY JURISDICTION (ARTICLE 36)

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 27 are parties, namely: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

2. PRINCIPAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

A. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 1966

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Andorra, Holly See and USA being the exception).

No provision on ICJ Jurisdiction.

B. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties (Andorra and Holly See being the exception).

No provision on ICJ Jurisdiction.

- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 41 are parties, namely: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Ukraine.

C. <u>The International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, monitored by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1965</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 51 are parties (Andorra being the exception).

Article 22 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention, once the negotiation process has failed.

Israel, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine and USA are maintaining reservations on this provision.

D. <u>The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discriminations against Women,</u> monitored by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1979

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties (Holly See and USA being the exception).

Article 29 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention, once the negotiation and arbitration process have failed.

France, Israel, Monaco and Turkey are maintaining reservations on this provision.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discriminations against Women, 1999

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 40 are parties, namely: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

E. <u>The Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, monitored by the Committee against Torture, 1984</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties (Andorra and San Marino being the exception).

45 are bound by the compulsory dispute settlement provision on the jurisdiction of the ICJ (article 30).

France, Israel, Monaco, Turkey and USA are maintaining reservations on this provision.

F. <u>The Convention on the Rights of Children, monitored by the Committee on the Rights of Children, 1989</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 51 are parties (USA being the exception).

The Convention does not have any provision on the jurisdiction of the ICJ, or that on the peaceful settlement of disputes relating to the interpretation or application of the Convention.

G. <u>The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants workers and</u>
Members of their Families, 1990

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 4 are parties, namely: Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mexico, Turkey.

Article 92.1 provides for compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention once the negotiations then the arbitration process have failed.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

H. Convention on the Prevention and Repression of the Crime of Genocide, 1948

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 47 are parties, namely: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA.

Article IX provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention.

Serbia and Montenegro, Spain and USA are maintaining reservations on this provision.

I. Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Andorra, San Marino, USA being the exception).

Article 38 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

J. International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, 1979

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Holly See, Israel, and San Marino being the exception).

Article 16.1 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention.

Russia, Republic of Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine are maintaining reservations on this provision.

3. TREATIES AGAINST TERRORISM

A. <u>International Convention for the suppression of Terrorism Bombings, 1997</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 51 are parties (Holly See being the exception).

Article 20 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention once the negotiations then arbitration process have failed.

Republic of Moldova, Turkey and USA are maintaining reservations on this provision.

B. <u>International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, 1999</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Andorra, Czech Republic and Holly See being the exception).

Article 24 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention once the negotiations then the arbitration process have failed.

Israel, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Turkey and USA are maintaining reservations on this provision.

C. European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, 1977

Of the 46 Council of Europe States, 44 are parties (Andorra and Monaco being the exception).

Article 10 provides for the peaceful settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention by arbitration (No ICJ jurisdiction).

D. <u>Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on Financing Terrorism, 2005</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 13 have signed it, namely: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Sweden

Article 48.4 provides among other means, the jurisdiction of the ICJ to settle disputes relating to the interpretation or application of the Convention.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

E. Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, 2005

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 20 have signed it, namely: Austria, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom

Article 29 provides among other means, the jurisdiction of the ICJ to settle disputes relating to the interpretation or application of the Convention.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

G. <u>Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of</u> Chemical Weapons and their Destruction, 1992

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 51 are parties (Israel being the exception).

Article 14.2 provides among other means, the jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention only on the basis of mutual agreement of States.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

H. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircrafts, 1970

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties (Holly See and San Marino being the exception).

Article 12.1 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention once the arbitration process has failed.

France, Poland, Romania, Russia and Ukraine are maintaining reservations on this provision.

I. Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, 1971

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Andorra, Holly See and San Marino being the exception).

Article 14.1 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention, once the negotiation and the arbitration process have failed.

Poland, Romania, Russia and Ukraine are maintaining reservations on this provision.

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4. TREATIES OF CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

A. Convention on the reduction of Statelessness, 1961

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 16 are parties, namely: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Article 34 provides for the jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes about the interpretation or application of the Convention, once the other means have failed.

No State has made a reservation on this provision.

B. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961

All the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI are parties.

Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality, 1961

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 14 are parties, namely: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia".

Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, 1961

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 26 are parties, namely: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", United Kingdom, USA.

C. Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1961

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties (Israel and San Marino being the exception).

Optional Protocol concerning Acquisition of Nationality, 1963

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 12 are parties, namely: Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland.

Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, 1963

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 21 are parties, namely: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

D. Convention on Special Missions, 1969

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 18 are parties, namely: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia,

Latvia, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Poland, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on Special Missions concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, 1969

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 9 are parties, namely: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Estonia, Liechtenstein, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland.

E. <u>Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 40 are parties, namely: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holly See, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Ukraine, United Kingdom.

No provision on ICJ jurisdiction.

F. <u>Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, 1973</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties (Holly See, Luxembourg and San Marino being the exception).

44 States are bound by the compulsory dispute settlement provision (article 13).

Israel, Lithuania, Romania, Russia and Ukraine are maintaining a reservation on this provision.

G. Vienna Convention on Succession of States in respect of Treaties, 1978

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 10 are parties, namely: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Ukraine.

Articles 41 and 42 of the Convention provide for the peaceful settlement of disputes by consultation, negotiation and conciliation procedure in first place. Article 43 provides the jurisdiction of ICJ if the first means are failing. Article 44 provides the jurisdiction of the ICJ in first place by mutual consent of States parties to the dispute.

No State is maintaining a reservation on any of aforesaid provisions.

H. <u>Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations</u> or between International Organizations, 1986

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 21 are parties, namely: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Mexico, the Netherlands, Republic of Moldova, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

Article 66.2 provides the compulsory jurisdiction of ICJ for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation and application of the articles 53 and 64 of the Convention (existence of *jus cogens* norms).

No State is maintaining reservation on the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ as provided in article 66.

5. MISCELLANEOUS - TREATIES PROVIDING THE JURISDICTION OF ICJ

A. <u>European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, 1957</u>

Of the 46 Council of Europe States, 14 are parties, namely: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

B. Revised General Act for the Pacific Settlement of Disputes, 1949

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 7 are parties, namely: Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

Article 41 provides for the jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes relating to the interpretation or application of the General Act.

No State is maintaining a reservation on this provision.

C. Single Convention on Narcotic drugs, 1961

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 44 are parties, namely: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holly See, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the Former Republic Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA.

Article 48.1 provides for the peaceful settlement of disputes in first place by negotiation, conciliation, arbitration; and Article 48.2 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ in a second time, if the first mean has failed.

Romania is maintaining a reservation on article 48.2.

D. <u>United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic</u> Substances, 1988

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties, (Holly See and Liechtenstein being the exception).

Article 32.2 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice for the settlement of disputes.

Andorra, France, Israel, Lithuania, Turkey and USA are maintaining reservation on this provision.

E. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 50 are parties, (Andorra and Holly See being the exception).

Article 14.2 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes relation to the interpretation of application of this Convention, if the Member State is making a declaration in this way.

No State has made such a declaration.

F. Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992

Of the 46 Council of Europe States and the 6 Observer States to CAHDI, 49 are parties, (Andorra, Holly See and USA being the exception).

Article 27.3 provides for the compulsory jurisdiction of the ICJ for the settlement of disputes relation to the interpretation or application of this Convention, if the Member State is making a declaration in this way.

Austria, Georgia and Latvia have made such declaration.