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MEETING OF THE CAHDI (13-14 SEPTEMBER 2006)**

(Extract from the Internet site conventions.coe.int - in reverse chronological order)

21 February 2007

The **Netherlands** accepted the European Convention on the Recognition of the Legal Personality of International Non-Governmental Organisations ([ETS No. 124](#)).

Romania ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism ([CETS No. 196](#)).

9 February 2007

Andorra ratified the Agreement on the Transfer of Corpses ([ETS No. 80](#)).

8 February 2007

Moldova signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin ([ETS No. 186](#)).

Germany:

- . denounced the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport ([ETS No. 065](#)), and
- . ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised) ([ETS No. 193](#)).

6 February 2007

Albania ratified:

- . Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances ([ETS No. 187](#)),
- . the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism ([CETS No. 196](#)),
- . the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings ([CETS No. 197](#)), and
- . the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism ([CETS No. 198](#)).

2 February 2007

► The **Netherlands** signed the Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 145).

29 January 2007

Moldova signed the Council of Europe Convention on the avoidance of statelessness in relation to State succession (CETS No. 200).

Slovakia ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196).

Iceland ratified the Convention on cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

23 January 2007

Moldova ratified the European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 73).

Luxembourg ratified:

. the Convention on the Promotion of a Transnational Long-term Voluntary Service for Young People (ETS No. 175),

. the Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows (ETS No. 181).

17 January 2007

France approved the European Charter of Local Self-Government (ETS No. 122).

16 January 2007

Portugal ratified the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 182).

11 January 2007

Portugal ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows (ETS No. 181).

8 January 2007

Turkey ratified the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (ETS No. 165).

21 December 2006

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

Ukraine ratified:

- . the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (ETS No. 121),
- . the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160),
- . the European Social Charter (revised) (ETS No. 163),
- . the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166),
- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xénophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189),
- . the Protocol amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS No. 190),
- . the Convention on Contact concerning Children (ETS No. 192), and
- . the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196).

18 December 2006

Luxembourg ratified the Additional Protocol to the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 188).

15 December 2006

Slovenia ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (ETS No. 123).

14 December 2006

Slovakia signed the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes (ETS No. 116).

13 December 2006

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

30 November 2006**Hungary** ratified:

- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS No. 186), and
- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research (CETS No. 195).

29 November 2006

Latvia signed the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176).

27 November 2006

Spain signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS No. 186).

23 November 2006

Slovenia signed the Convention on the Participation of Foreigners in Public Life at Local Level (ETS No. 144).

22 November 2006

Bulgaria signed:

. the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197), and

. the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198).

21 November 2006

"the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" signed the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196).

The **United Kingdom** ratified the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176).

Cyprus ratified the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 191).

16 November 2006

Romania ratified the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (ETS No. 123).

The **Netherlands** accepted the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

15 November 2006

The **Czech Republic** ratified the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ETS No. 148).

14 November 2006

San Marino signed:

. the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196), and

. the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198).

30 October 2006

Bulgaria ratified:

- . the 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),
- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (ETS No. 186), and
- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research (CETS No. 195).

25 October 2006

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

18 October 2006

Norway signed the Convention on information and legal co-operation concerning "Information Society Services" (ETS No. 180).

Moldova ratified Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, concerning the abolition of the death penalty in all circumstances (ETS No. 187).

13 October 2006

Norway 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).

12 October 2006

Poland ratified Protocol No. 14 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending the control system of the Convention (CETS No. 194).

Norway signed the Council of Europe Convention on the avoidance of statelessness in relation to State succession (CETS No. 200).

Lithuania ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xénophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189).

Greece signed the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (CETS No. 198).

Germany signed the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (CETS No. 196).

Austria ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197).

Armenia ratified:

- . the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185), and
- . the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xénophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189).

4 October 2006

Russia

- . signed
- . the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ETS No. 132),
- . the Additional Protocol to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (ETS No. 159),
- . the Protocol No. 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning interterritorial co-operation (ETS No. 169), and
- . ratified
- . the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 173), and
- . the Protocol amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS No. 190).

2 October 2006

Turkey ratified Protocol No. 14 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending the control system of the Convention (CETS No. 194).

29 September 2006

The **United States of America** ratified the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

22 September 2006

Austria ratified Protocol No. 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning interterritorial co-operation (ETS No. 169).

20 September 2006

Poland acceded to the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (ETS No. 50).

Luxembourg ratified the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176).

19 September 2006

Andorra ratified the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 135).

Latvia signed:

- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 87), and
- . the Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 145).

14 September 2006

Armenia ratified the Additional Protocol to the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 188).

Belgium ratified Protocol No. 14 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, amending the control system of the Convention (CETS No. 194).

7 September 2006

Croatia signed the European Convention on the Legal Protection of Services Based on, or Consisting of, Conditional Access (ETS No. 178).

Switzerland ratified the Protocol amending the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (ETS No. 190).

5 September 2006

Denmark signed the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197).

1 September 2006

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

30 August 2006

Austria ratified:

- . the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes (ETS No. 116), and
- . the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 174).

29 August 2006

Finland signed the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197).

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Europe gets tough with terrorists

Statement by Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe:

Strasbourg, 21.02.2007 - I am delighted to announce a major step forward in the European fight against terrorism. The [Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism](#) will come into force on 1 June, as a result of its ratification by Romania today (*).

This Convention provides for an effective, robust and fair response to the threat of terrorism, one which stops more terrorists than it helps to recruit. We should be grateful to Romania for this breakthrough allowing the Convention to enter into force, but it is essential that the rest of our member states follow suit.

The Convention establishes as criminal offences several acts which lead to acts of terrorism, such as incitement, recruitment and training. It also reinforces international co-operation in the prevention of terrorism by modifying existing arrangements for extradition and mutual assistance. In short, this Convention will help to save human lives everywhere in Europe.

The Convention was opened for signature by the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe in May 2005. It served as a precursor for anti-terrorist measures at the global level and was followed by the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1624(2005), which echoes the Council of Europe approach to the fight against terrorism.

(*) Entry into force on 1 June 2007 for the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine.

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