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DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TREATY SERIES¹ SINCE THE 42nd MEETING OF THE CAHDI (22-23 SEPTEMBER 2011)

(Extracts from the Internet site <http://conventions.coe.int> – in reverse chronological order)

19 March 2012

- ▶ **Finland** accepted the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised) (CETS No. 202).

14 March 2012

- ▶ **Turkey** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CETS No. 210).

13 March 2012

- ▶ The **Republic of Moldova** signed the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 182).

12 March 2012

- ▶ The **Republic of Moldova** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

7 March 2012

- ▶ **Andorra** ratified the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176).

1 March 2012

- ▶ **Costa Rica** signed the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters as amended by its 2010 Protocol (ETS No. 127).

23 February 2012

- ▶ **Iceland** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (ETS No. 197).

21 February 2012

- ▶ **India** ratified the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters as amended by its 2010 Protocol (ETS No. 127).

¹ Conventions and agreements opened for signature between 1949 and 2003 were published in the "European Treaty Series" (ETS No. 001 to 193 included). Since 2004, this Series is continued by the "Council of Europe Treaty Series" (CETS No. 194 and following).

- ▶ **Greece** signed:
 - . the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (ETS No. 127), and
 - . the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

10 February 2012

- ▶ **Finland** accepted the Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority (CETS No. 207).

6 February 2012

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

3 February 2012

- ▶ **Denmark** approved the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised) (CETS No. 202).

31 January 2012

- ▶ **Bosnia and Herzegovina** ratified:
 - . the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), and
 - . the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No. 205).

26 January 2012

- ▶ **Latvia** 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), and
 - . the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (CETS No. 209).
- ▶ **India** signed the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters **as amended by its 2010 Protocol** (ETS No. 127).

23 January 2012

- ▶ **Montenegro** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No. 205).
- ▶ **Turkey** ratified the Convention on Contact concerning Children (ETS No. 192).
- ▶ The **Czech Republic** ratified the Agreement on the Transfer of Corpses (ETS No. 80).

17 January 2012

- ▶ **Italy** ratified the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

12 January 2012

- ▶ **Denmark** signed the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (CETS No. 211).
- ▶ **Bosnia and Herzegovina** ratified the European Convention for the Protection of the Audiovisual Heritage (ETS No. 183).

9 January 2012

- ▶ **Estonia** ratified the European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights (ETS No. 161).

6 January 2012

- ▶ **"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"** ratified the European Social Charter (Revised) (ETS No. 163).

2 January 2012

- ▶ **Romania** ratified:
 - . the European Convention on the Abolition of Legalisation of Documents executed by Diplomatic Agents or Consular Officers (ETS No. 063), and
 - . the European Convention on the Adoption of Children (Revised) (CETS No. 202).

22 December 2011

- ▶ The **Netherlands** signed the Agreement on Illicit Traffic by Sea, implementing Article 17 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (ETS No. 156).
- ▶ **Luxembourg** signed the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (CETS No. 211).

21 December 2011

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

20 December 2011

- ▶ The **Netherlands** signed the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (CETS No. 209).

19 December 2011

- ▶ **San Marino** ratified the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (ETS No. 165).
- ▶ **Albania** signed the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CETS No. 210).

15 December 2011

- ▶ **Bulgaria** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

13 December 2011

- ▶ **France:**
signed:

- . 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 Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (CETS No. 203), and

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 Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

8 December 2011

- ▶ **Lithuania** signed the European Convention for the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes (ETS No. 23).

7 December 2011

- ▶ **Turkey** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

24 November 2011

- ▶ **Moldova** ratified:
 - . the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (ETS No. 127), and
 - . the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

22 November 2011

- ▶ **Poland** ratified the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (ETS No. 121).

9 November 2011

- ▶ **Italy** signed the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems (ETS No. 189).

7 November 2011

- ▶ **Ukraine** signed:
 - . Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (ECGs) (CETS No. 206), and
 - . the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CETS No. 210).

4 November 2011

- ▶ **Liechtenstein** signed the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (CETS No. 211).

3 November 2011

- ▶ **Malta** ratified the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 135).
- ▶ **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Russia, South Africa and Turkey** signed the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters **as amended by its 2010 Protocol** (ETS No. 127).
- ▶ **Japan** signed:
 - . the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (ETS No. 127), and

. the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

- ▶ **Canada** and **Germany** signed the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

28 October 2011

- ▶ **Austria, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Switzerland** and **Ukraine** signed the Council of Europe Convention on the counterfeiting of medical products and similar crimes involving threats to public health (CETS No. 211).
- ▶ **Iceland** ratified the Protocol amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (CETS No. 208).

25 October 2011

- ▶ **Switzerland** ratified Protocol No. 3 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities concerning Euroregional Co-operation Groupings (ECGs) (CETS No. 206).

20 October 2011

- ▶ **Ukraine** signed the Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority (CETS No. 207).

19 October 2011

- ▶ **Albania** ratified the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).

12 October 2011

- ▶ **Bosnia and Herzegovina** signed:
 - . the Convention on Contact concerning Children (ETS No. 192), and
 - . the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).
- ▶ **Russia**
 - . ratified the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised) (ETS No. 143), and
 - . denounced the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (ETS No. 66).

7 October 2011

- ▶ **Poland** signed:

- . the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention (ETS No. 191), and
- . the Third Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (CETS No. 209).

29 September 2011**▶ Korea** acceded to:

- . the European Convention on Extradition (ETS No. 24),
- . the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 30),
- . 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), and
- . the Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (ETS No. 99).

28 September 2011

- ▶ **Moldova** 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).

27 September 2011

- ▶ **Moldova** ratified the European Convention on Cinematographic Co-Production (ETS No. 147).

21 September 2011

- ▶ **Turkey** ratified the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, concerning Biomedical Research (CETS No. 195).
- ▶ **Switzerland** ratified the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).
- ▶ **Croatia** ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

14 September 2011

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