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15 September 2008

Germany signed:

- . the European Convention for the protection of the Audiovisual Heritage (ETS No. 183), and
- . the Protocol to the European Convention for the protection of the Audiovisual Heritage, on the protection of Television Productions (ETS No. 184).

8 September 2008

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

13 August 2008

The **Netherlands** accepted 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).

6 August 2008

Finland accepted the European Convention on Nationality (ETS No. 166).

30 July 2008

Montenegro ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 198).

Ukraine ratified:

- . the European Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitation to Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes (ETS No. 82), and
- . the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105).

24 July 2008

Switzerland 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 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).

11 July 2008

Montenegro acceded to:

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

9 July 2008

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

4 July 2008

Croatia ratified:

- . the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes (ETS No. 116), 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).

2 July 2008

Serbia signed 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).

30 June 2008

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

Azerbaijan signed the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

26 June 2008

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

25 June 2008

Austria ratified the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (ETS No. 160).

5 June 2008

Italy ratified the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

2 June 2008

Armenia ratified 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).

26 May 2008

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

16 May 2008

Estonia approved:

- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter (ETS No. 102), and
- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised) (ETS No. 193).

13 May 2008

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

6 May 2008

Andorra ratified:

- . the Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 9),
- . Protocol No. 4 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, securing certain rights and freedoms other than those already included in the Convention and in the first Protocol thereto (ETS No. 46),
- . the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108),
- . Protocol No. 7 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 117),
- . the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 173),
- . Protocol No. 12 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (ETS No. 177),

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

5 May 2008

The **United Kingdom** signed the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201).

1 May 2008

Entry into force of 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).

29 April 2008

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

Norway signed and 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).

Croatia signed:

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

25 April 2008

France:

- . ratified
 - . the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 173),
 - . the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 174), and
- . approved the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 191).

22 April 2008

Andorra acceded to the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (ETS No. 165).

17 April 2008

Germany signed the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (ETS No. 127).

16 April 2008

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

14 April 2008

Armenia ratified:

. the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (ETS No. 104), and

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

Andorra signed the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on Restoration of Custody of Children (ETS No. 105).

9 April 2008

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

4 April 2008

Austria 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).

South Africa signed 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).

3 April 2008

Poland ratified:

. the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter (ETS No. 102), and

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

2 April 2008

Poland signed the European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights (ETS No. 161).

1 April 2008

Estonia signed:

- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 87),
- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter (ETS No. 102),
- . the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (ETS No. 123),
- . the Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (ETS No. 145), and
- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals during International Transport (Revised) (ETS No. 193).

Georgia signed the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185).

28 March 2008

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (ETS No. 106).

25 March 2008

Georgia acceded to the Third Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 028).

19 March 2008

The **Netherlands** accepted the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (ETS No. 165).

17 March 2008

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

11 March 2008

Montenegro ratified the Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (CETS No. 199).

10 March 2008

Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the European Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitation to Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes (ETS No. 82).

6 March 2008

Latvia ratified:

- . the European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter (ETS No. 102), and
- . the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197).

4 March 2008

France denounced the Second Protocol amending the Convention on the Reduction of Cases of Multiple Nationality and Military Obligations in Cases of Multiple Nationality (ETS No. 149).

28 February 2008

Moldova ratified the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108).

27 February 2008

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

26 February 2008

Montenegro ratified the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (ETS No. 132).

20 February 2008

Poland ratified:

- . 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).

Moldova signed:

- . the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 135), and
- . the Additional Protocol to the Anti-Doping Convention (ETS No. 188).

Montenegro signed the Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (ETS No. 191).