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## **STEERING COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (CDDH)**

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### **CONVENTIONS**

#### **Chart of signatures and ratifications of certain treaties under the responsibility of the CDDH**

Information provided by the Secretariat

#### Introduction

1. The present document contains information provided by the Treaty Office of the Council of Europe regarding:<sup>1</sup>
  - Protocol No. 15 to the European Convention on Human Rights (Appendix I below);
  - Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights (Appendix II below);
  - European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights (Appendix III below);
  - the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (Appendix IV below).

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<sup>1</sup> It is recalled that, at its 84<sup>th</sup> meeting (7-11 December 2015, [CDDH\(2015\)R84](#), § 10), the CDDH decided to entrust the DH-SYSC with the systematic follow-up on the prospects of signatures and ratifications of Protocols Nos. 15 and 16 to the Convention as well as the follow-up on the European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights and specified that, in addition to requests for information of experts concerned, awareness-raising actions could be envisaged to reach a higher number of signatures and ratifications of these instruments.

## APPENDIX I

**Chart of signatures and ratifications  
of Protocol No. 15 to the European Convention on Human Rights**

**Protocol No. 15 amending the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**

**CETS No. 213**

Treaty open for signature by the High Contracting Parties to Treaty ETS 005

**Opening for signature****Entry into force**

Place: Strasbourg  
Date : 24/06/2013

Conditions: Ratification by Parties to Treaty ETS 005.  
Date : //

Status as of: 08/10/2020 (as it appears on the [Treaty Office website](#))

<b>Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications</b>	1
<b>Total number of ratifications/accessions</b>	46

Member States of the Council of Europe

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Entry into Force</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>C.</b>	<b>O.</b>
<b>Albania</b>	11/02/2014	17/12/2015								
<b>Andorra</b>	24/06/2013	27/05/2015								
<b>Armenia</b>	24/06/2013	30/08/2016								
<b>Austria</b>	25/06/2013	19/10/2017								
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	18/12/2013	03/07/2014								
<b>Belgium</b>	07/10/2013	04/04/2018								
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	11/05/2018	18/09/2020								
<b>Bulgaria</b>	05/11/2013	11/01/2016								
<b>Croatia</b>	12/07/2016	09/01/2018								
<b>Cyprus</b>	24/06/2013	16/06/2015								
<b>Czech Republic</b>	05/11/2013	18/03/2015								
<b>Denmark</b>	24/06/2013	22/07/2016						T.		
<b>Estonia</b>	22/10/2013	30/04/2014								
<b>Finland</b>	24/06/2013	17/04/2015								
<b>France</b>	24/06/2013	03/02/2016								
<b>Georgia</b>	19/06/2014	06/07/2015								
<b>Germany</b>	24/06/2013	15/04/2015								
<b>Greece</b>	02/03/2017	05/10/2018								
<b>Hungary</b>	09/07/2015	30/11/2015								
<b>Iceland</b>	09/07/2013	03/07/2017								
<b>Ireland</b>	24/06/2013	24/06/2013 s								
<b>Italy</b>	24/06/2013									
<b>Latvia</b>	09/05/2017	04/12/2017								
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	24/06/2013	26/11/2013								
<b>Lithuania</b>	10/06/2014	02/09/2015								
<b>Luxembourg</b>	24/06/2013	21/12/2017								
<b>Malta</b>	16/01/2018	16/01/2018								
<b>Monaco</b>	13/11/2013	13/11/2013								
<b>Montenegro</b>	08/11/2013	08/11/2013 s								

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Netherlands	22/10/2013	01/10/2015						T.		
North Macedonia	21/11/2013	16/06/2016								
Norway	24/06/2013	17/06/2014								
Poland	09/04/2014	10/09/2015								
Portugal	24/06/2013	16/01/2017								
Republic of Moldova	18/11/2013	14/08/2014								
Romania	24/06/2013	28/05/2015								
Russian Federation	19/09/2016	25/09/2017								
San Marino	24/06/2013	06/11/2013								
Serbia	13/12/2013	29/05/2015								
Slovak Republic	24/06/2013	07/02/2014								
Slovenia	24/06/2013	04/07/2017								
Spain	24/06/2013	20/09/2018				D.				
Sweden	25/06/2013	29/03/2016								
Switzerland	20/03/2015	15/07/2016								
Turkey	13/09/2013	02/05/2016								
Ukraine	20/06/2014	22/03/2018								
United Kingdom	24/06/2013	10/04/2015								

## International Organisations

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Union										

## Notes:

a: Accession; s: Signature without reservation as to ratification; su: Succession; r: Signature “ad referendum”.

R.: Reservations; D.: Declarations, Denunciations, Derogations; A.: Authorities; T.: Territorial Application; C.: Communication; O.: Objection.

Information received by 8 November 2019 (*bilingual*)

ITALY / ITALIE	Un projet de loi de ratification par l'Italie avait été déposé le 10 août 2018 par les ministres de la justice et des affaires étrangères pour la ratification des protocoles 15 et 16, projet pendant devant la Chambre des Députés. Ce projet reste, depuis le 23 janvier 2019, pendant devant la commission parlementaire.
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## APPENDIX II

**Chart of signatures and ratifications  
of Protocol No. 16 to the European Convention on Human Rights**

**Protocol No. 16 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**

**CETS No. 214**

Treaty open for signature by the High Contracting Parties to Treaty ETS 005

**Opening for signature**

Place: Strasbourg  
Date : 02/10/2013

**Entry into force**

Conditions: 10 Ratifications.  
Date : 01/08/2018

*Status as of: 08/10/2020 (as it appears on the [Treaty Office website](#))*

<b>Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total number of ratifications/accessions</b>	<b>15</b>

Member States of the Council of Europe

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Entry into Force</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>C.</b>	<b>O.</b>
<b>Albania</b>	24/11/2014	22/07/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>Andorra</b>	12/04/2018	16/05/2019	01/09/2019				A.			
<b>Armenia</b>	02/10/2013	31/01/2017	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>Austria</b>										
<b>Azerbaijan</b>										
<b>Belgium</b>	08/11/2018									
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	11/05/2018									
<b>Bulgaria</b>										
<b>Croatia</b>										
<b>Cyprus</b>										
<b>Czech Republic</b>										
<b>Denmark</b>										
<b>Estonia</b>	17/02/2014	31/08/2017	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>Finland</b>	02/10/2013	07/12/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>France</b>	02/10/2013	12/04/2018	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>Georgia</b>	19/06/2014	06/07/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
<b>Germany</b>										
<b>Greece</b>	02/03/2017	05/04/2019	01/08/2019				A.			
<b>Hungary</b>										
<b>Iceland</b>										
<b>Ireland</b>										
<b>Italy</b>	02/10/2013									
<b>Latvia</b>										

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Liechtenstein										
Lithuania	10/06/2014	02/09/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
Luxembourg	06/09/2018	14/05/2020	01/09/2020				A.			
Malta										
Monaco										
Montenegro										
Netherlands	07/11/2013	12/02/2019	01/06/2019				A.	T.		
North Macedonia										
Norway	27/06/2014									
Poland										
Portugal										
Republic of Moldova	03/03/2017									
Romania	14/10/2014						A.			
Russian Federation										
San Marino	02/10/2013	16/02/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
Serbia										
Slovak Republic	02/10/2013	17/12/2019	01/04/2020				A.			
Slovenia	02/10/2013	26/03/2015	01/08/2018				A.			
Spain										
Sweden										
Switzerland										
Turkey	20/12/2013									
Ukraine	20/06/2014	22/03/2018	01/08/2018				A.			
United Kingdom										

## International Organisations

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Union										

**Notes:**

a: Accession; s: Signature without reservation as to ratification; su: Succession; r: Signature “ad referendum”.

R.: Reservations; D.: Declarations, Denunciations, Derogations; A.: Authorities; T.: Territorial Application; C.: Communication; O.: Objection.

**Information received by 8 November 2019 (*bilingual*)**

<b>AUSTRIA / AUTRICHE</b>	No information available.
<b>AZERBAIJAN / AZERBAIDJAN</b>	Consultations between all stakeholders (Supreme Court, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Court) are taking place. These consultations also address the possibility to make certain amendments to the national legislation to this end.
<b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNIE-HERZEGOVINE</b>	Protocol No. 16 was signed on 11 May 2018.
<b>BULGARIA / BULGARIE</b>	La ratification du Protocole n° 16, qui met en place un dialogue judiciaire qui n'a pas de caractère contraignant, n'est pas à l'ordre du jour. Cela n'affectera pas la façon dont la Bulgarie applique la Convention.
<b>CROATIA / CROATIE</b>	Croatia is not considering the signature of Protocol No. 16 at this stage.
<b>CYPRUS / CHYPRE</b>	Cyprus has neither signed nor ratified Protocol No. 16 and does not intend to do so for the time being, mainly due to the judiciary's concerns.
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC / REPUBLIQUE TCHEQUE</b>	La première consultation des juridictions suprêmes a mis en avant des questions et difficultés liées à la répartition des compétences entre ces dernières. Le processus sera relancé en vue d'examiner la possibilité de signature et de ratification.
<b>DENMARK / DANEMARK</b>	The Danish government has no concrete plans to ratify Protocol No. 16 at this stage.
<b>GERMANY / ALLEMAGNE</b>	The consultation process on Protocol No. 16 has been completed. At present, Germany does not envisage the signature or the ratification of this optional Protocol.
<b>HUNGARY / HONGRIE</b>	Consultations are underway but the situation is not promising at present (consultations with foreign supreme courts were not conclusive). The ratification of Protocol No. 16 is not on the agenda.
<b>ICELAND / ISLANDE</b>	Iceland is initiating domestic legislation procedures for signature and ratification of Protocol No. 16. The Government is waiting for the advice of the Supreme Court on this question.
<b>IRELAND / IRLANDE</b>	Currently no steps have been taken towards the ratification of Protocol No. 16. Ireland wishes to see how it will work in practice; it has concerns about the Protocol's impact on the caseload of the Court.
<b>ITALY / ITALIE</b>	L'Italie a signé le Protocole n° 16 le 2 octobre 2013 et a l'intention de le ratifier. Un projet de loi de ratification par l'Italie avait été déposé le 10 août 2018 par les ministres de la justice et des affaires étrangères pour la ratification des protocoles 15 et 16, projet pendant devant la Chambre des Députés. Ce projet reste, depuis le 23 janvier 2019, pendant devant la commission parlementaire.
<b>LATVIA / LETTONIE</b>	The courts are still very hesitant. The signature of Protocol No. 16 is still under consideration.

<b>LIECHTENSTEIN</b>	Liechtenstein has not signed Protocol No. 16 yet. Liechtenstein was a strong supporter of it during the drafting process. With regard to the ratification of the Protocol, the evaluation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a very positive one. This positive evaluation may be confirmed by the Ministry of Justice, but consultations are still on-going. It is expected that the ratification process will be concluded in the near future.
<b>MALTA / MALTE</b>	No information available.
<b>MONACO</b>	Aucune décision n'a encore été prise sur une éventuelle signature et ratification.
<b>MONTENEGRO</b>	This issue is under consideration in domestic law.
<b>NORTH MACEDONIA / MACEDOINE DU NORD</b>	Protocol No. 16 is on the agenda at present and North Macedonia expects to sign it soon. The national authorities are working towards its ratification.
<b>NORWAY / NORVEGE</b>	Protocol No. 16 was signed on 27 June 2014. The ratification procedure of Protocol No. 16 was stopped by the Ministry of Justice. Norway does not plan to ratify Protocol No. 16 at this stage.
<b>POLAND / POLOGNE</b>	The Government has consulted the highest courts, the administration, the national Council of the Judiciary and legal professions. However, the entry into force of the Protocol will require substantial legislative changes. Therefore, the Government is now analysing the scope of the necessary amendments to the civil, criminal and administrative procedures. For the moment, the ratification of the Protocol is not on the agenda. In addition, the Supreme Administrative Court pointed out certain serious problems related to the question of languages. Namely, the fact that advisory opinions of the Court, issued either in English or in French, could be contrary to the Polish regulations and even to constitutional ones related to the use, in domestic procedures, of judgments or rulings in foreign languages, even if translated.
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	L'Etat portugais réfléchit encore quant à la position à adopter. L'application du modèle prévu au niveau interne suscite quelques questions. La ratification n'est pas prévue pour l'instant.
<b>REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA / REPUBLIQUE DE MOLDOVA</b>	Protocol No. 16 was signed on 3 March 2017.
<b>ROMANIA / ROUMANIE</b>	La Roumanie a signé le Protocole n° 16 le 14 octobre 2014. Pour pouvoir le ratifier, une modification législative est requise et nécessite du temps. Le projet de loi de ratification est toujours en cours de rédaction et les autorités compétentes analysent des détails techniques.
<b>RUSSIAN FEDERATION / FEDERATION DE RUSSIE</b>	Aucune procédure n'a été engagée car, à ce stade, la question d'adhésion de la Fédération de Russie à cet instrument ne se pose pas.
<b>SERBIA / SERBIE</b>	The signature of Protocol No. 16 is still under consideration.

<b>SPAIN / ESPAGNE</b>	Spain has not yet signed Protocol No. 16. The question is still under consideration because there are problems concerning the competencies of the highest courts and the need to accommodate all procedures. Several doubts remain regarding the compatibility with the internal system in Spain.
<b>SWEDEN / SUEDE</b>	Sweden does not envisage ratification at this stage. It prefers to see how the system will operate in practice and what effects it will have on the workload of the Court.
<b>SWITZERLAND / SUISSE</b>	Pour l'instant, ce n'est pas une priorité politique. Par ailleurs, la question de la valeur ajoutée de la ratification de cet instrument a été soulevée par des juridictions.
<b>TURKEY / TURQUIE</b>	Le Protocole a été signé le 20 décembre 2013. Le processus de ratification est encore en cours.
<b>UNITED KINGDOM / ROYAUME-UNI</b>	The United Kingdom has long taken the position that it does not oppose advisory opinions in principle so long as they are optional, but equally has expressed itself as unconvinced of their value, particularly for addressing the fundamental problems facing the Court and the Convention system. The United Kingdom will therefore neither sign nor ratify Protocol No. 16 at this time. It will instead observe how the system operates in practice, having regard particularly to the effect on the workload of the Court, and to how the Court approaches the giving of opinions.

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## APPENDIX III

**Chart of signatures and ratifications  
of the European Agreement relating to persons participating  
in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights**

**European Agreement relating to persons participating in proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights**

**CETS No. 161**

Treaty open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe

**Opening for signature**

Place: Strasbourg

Date : 05/03/1996

**Entry into force**

Conditions: 10 Ratifications.

Date : 01/01/1999

Status as of: 08/10/2020 (as it appears on the [Treaty Office website](#))

<b>Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total number of ratifications/accessions</b>	<b>40</b>

Member States of the Council of Europe

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Entry into Force</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>C.</b>	<b>O.</b>
<b>Albania</b>	21/09/2000	26/02/2003	01/04/2003							
<b>Andorra</b>	24/11/1998	24/11/1998	01/01/1999							
<b>Armenia</b>										
<b>Austria</b>	07/05/1999	10/01/2001	01/03/2001							
<b>Azerbaijan</b>										
<b>Belgium</b>	19/06/1997	29/06/2000	01/08/2000							
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>										
<b>Bulgaria</b>	03/07/2000	31/05/2001	01/07/2001			D.				
<b>Croatia</b>	26/01/1998	02/12/1999	01/02/2000			D.				
<b>Cyprus</b>	12/01/1999	09/02/2000	01/04/2000							
<b>Czech Republic</b>	10/10/1997	24/06/1998	01/01/1999			D.				
<b>Denmark</b>	05/03/1996	28/08/1998	01/01/1999							
<b>Estonia</b>	19/05/2000	09/01/2012	01/03/2012			D.				
<b>Finland</b>	19/06/1998	23/12/1998	01/02/1999							
<b>France</b>	31/03/1998	17/11/1998	01/01/1999		R.	D.				
<b>Georgia</b>	10/05/2001	10/05/2001 s	01/07/2001			D.				
<b>Germany</b>	23/10/1996	11/09/2001	01/11/2001							
<b>Greece</b>	26/06/1996	07/02/2005	01/04/2005			D.				
<b>Hungary</b>	06/05/1997	01/04/1998	01/01/1999			D.				
<b>Iceland</b>	27/06/1996	04/11/1998	01/01/1999							
<b>Ireland</b>	03/06/1998	07/05/1999	01/07/1999							
<b>Italy</b>	05/03/1996	06/03/1998	01/01/1999			D.				
<b>Latvia</b>	31/01/2006	27/07/2006	01/09/2006			D.				
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	21/01/1999	21/01/1999 s	01/03/1999			D.				
<b>Lithuania</b>	11/02/2000	18/02/2003	01/04/2003							
<b>Luxembourg</b>	05/03/1996	12/03/1999	01/05/1999							
<b>Malta</b>	03/11/1998	05/02/2015	01/04/2015			D.				
<b>Monaco</b>	19/03/2007	19/03/2007	01/05/2007			D.				
<b>Montenegro</b>										

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
<b>Netherlands</b>	02/05/1996	21/01/1997	01/01/1999					T.		
<b>North Macedonia</b>	16/11/1998									
<b>Norway</b>	12/12/2001	12/12/2001 s	01/02/2002							
<b>Poland</b>	02/04/2008	06/12/2012	01/02/2013		R.	D.				
<b>Portugal</b>	29/04/1997	11/04/2018	01/06/2018							
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	04/05/1998	08/11/2001	01/01/2002		R.	D.				
<b>Romania</b>	28/05/1998	09/04/1999	01/06/1999							
<b>Russian Federation</b>										
<b>San Marino</b>	07/09/1998	28/08/2015	01/10/2015							
<b>Serbia</b>										
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	04/09/2002	21/05/2003	01/07/2003			D.				
<b>Slovenia</b>	07/05/1999	29/11/2001	01/01/2002							
<b>Spain</b>	24/01/2000	19/01/2001	01/03/2001			D.				
<b>Sweden</b>	30/04/1996	30/09/1998	01/01/1999							
<b>Switzerland</b>	27/08/1998	27/08/1998 s	01/01/1999			D.				
<b>Turkey</b>	03/07/2002	06/10/2004	01/12/2004			D.				
<b>Ukraine</b>	22/05/2003	04/11/2004	01/01/2005							
<b>United Kingdom</b>	27/10/1999	09/11/2001	01/01/2002				A.			

**Notes:**

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R.: Reservations; D.: Declarations, Denunciations, Derogations; A.: Authorities; T.: Territorial Application; C.: Communication; O.: Objection.

## APPENDIX IV

**Chart of signatures and ratifications of  
Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents**

**Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents****CETS No. 205**

Treaty open for signature by the member States and for accession by non-member States and by any international organisation

**Opening for signature**

Place: Tromsø

Date : 18/06/2009

**Entry into force**

Conditions: 10 Ratifications.

Date : 01/12/2020

Status as of: 08/10/2020 (as it appears on the [Treaty Office website](#))

<b>Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total number of ratifications/accessions</b>	<b>10</b>

Member States of the Council of Europe

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Ratification</b>	<b>Entry into Force</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>R.</b>	<b>D.</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>T.</b>	<b>C.</b>	<b>O.</b>
<b>Albania</b>										
<b>Andorra</b>										
<b>Armenia</b>	24/06/2020									
<b>Austria</b>										
<b>Azerbaijan</b>										
<b>Belgium</b>	18/06/2009									
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	01/09/2010	31/01/2012	01/12/2020							
<b>Bulgaria</b>										
<b>Croatia</b>										
<b>Cyprus</b>										
<b>Czech Republic</b>										
<b>Denmark</b>										
<b>Estonia</b>	18/06/2009	28/01/2016	01/12/2020							
<b>Finland</b>	18/06/2009	05/02/2015	01/12/2020			D.				
<b>France</b>										
<b>Georgia</b>	18/06/2009									
<b>Germany</b>										
<b>Greece</b>										
<b>Hungary</b>	18/06/2009	05/01/2010	01/12/2020			D.				
<b>Iceland</b>	16/05/2019									
<b>Ireland</b>										
<b>Italy</b>										
<b>Latvia</b>										
<b>Liechtenstein</b>										
<b>Lithuania</b>	18/06/2009	26/07/2012	01/12/2020			D.				
<b>Luxembourg</b>										
<b>Malta</b>										
<b>Monaco</b>										
<b>Montenegro</b>	18/06/2009	23/01/2012	01/12/2020							
<b>Netherlands</b>										
<b>North Macedonia</b>	18/06/2009									
<b>Norway</b>	18/06/2009	11/09/2009	01/12/2020			D.				

	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
<b>Poland</b>										
<b>Portugal</b>										
<b>Republic of Moldova</b>	21/12/2010	02/09/2016	01/12/2020							
<b>Romania</b>										
<b>Russian Federation</b>										
<b>San Marino</b>	16/05/2019									
<b>Serbia</b>	18/06/2009									
<b>Slovak Republic</b>										
<b>Slovenia</b>	18/06/2009									
<b>Spain</b>										
<b>Sweden</b>	18/06/2009	19/04/2010	01/12/2020		R.					
<b>Switzerland</b>										
<b>Turkey</b>										
<b>Ukraine</b>	12/04/2018	19/08/2020	01/12/2020			D.				
<b>United Kingdom</b>										

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