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**Interim Report of the Second Informal Meeting  
of the Parties to the European Convention on State Immunity  
Athens, 13 September 2006**

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This is the report of the second informal meeting of the parties to the European Convention on State Immunity, which took place on 13 September 2006 in the margins of the 32nd meeting of the CAHDI. The participants concluded that the most straightforward way to proceed was for each party to the European Convention to denounce that Convention once the United Nations Convention on the Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property had entered into force.

The participants in the informal meeting included six of the eight parties to the European Convention and the signatory (Portugal). As at the previous meeting (see Appendix V to the report of the 31st meeting of the CAHDI, CAHDI (2006) 17) most of the parties to the European Convention confirmed that they were proceeding towards ratification of the United Nations Convention. They further confirmed that in due course the United Nations Convention regime should supersede that of the European Convention.

The participants recalled that there were at least two broad options to achieve this objective: denunciation of the European Convention, or an agreement (possibly some kind of declaration) that the European Convention would cease to apply. Having considered the options further, the participants concluded that the clearest and most straightforward approach would be for each party to the European Convention to denounce that Convention at an appropriate time once the United Nations Convention had entered into force for it.

The participants recalled that the entry into force of the United Nations Convention would take place on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the thirtieth instrument of ratification. They suggested that a further informal meeting of the parties to the European Convention should be convened when the entry into force of the United Nations Convention seemed imminent, in order to take stock of the position at that time.