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ANIMALS KEPT FOR FARMING PURPOSES

The European Convention for the protection of animals kept for farming purposes (1976; ETS 87) is a "framework convention" which gives principles for the keeping, care and housing of animals, in particular in intensive breeding systems. A Standing Committee (T-AP) composed of Representatives of the Parties to the Convention, is responsible for the elaboration and adoption of more detailed recommendations to the Parties concerning the different species of animals for the implementation of the principles set out in the Convention.

For this purpose, the T-AP follows the developments in scientific research and new methods in animal husbandry. These Recommendations are different from those adopted by the Committee of Ministers as they become binding on the Parties six months after their adoption.

For its work, the T-AP has developed a close collaboration with non-governmental organisations representing the different fields concerned: veterinarians, farmers, animal protection associations, animal behaviour specialists, zootechnicians, which participate as observers in its meetings.

In 1992, a Protocol of Amendment to the Convention (ETS 145) was opened for signature. This Protocol provides for the extension of the scope of the Convention to the breeding of animals produced as a result of genetic modifications or novel genetic combinations.

Current work

The T-AP is currently elaborating a new Recommendation concerning rabbits and species-specific Appendices stemming from the Recommendation concerning farmed fish. In addition, it is revising its Recommendation concerning cattle, adopted in 1988.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS DURING TRANSPORT

The European Convention for the protection of animals during international transport (1968; ETS 65) lays down the general conditions for the international transport of animals from their preparation for loading to their unloading, such as design of transport means, fitness for transport of the animals, veterinary controls, handling of animals, certificates, etc. and sets out special conditions for the transport of animals by road, air, sea and rail.

Detailed recommendations on the transport, respectively, of horses, pigs, cattle, sheep and goats, and poultry have been adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. To each of these Recommendations is appended a very detailed Code of Conduct. The Parties to Convention ETS 65 meet regularly for Multilateral Consultations. These consultations aim at monitoring the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and, if appropriate, proposing the revision or the extension of some of them depending on the evolution of the field concerned.

The multilateral consultations are prepared by a working party. Representatives of professional fields concerned as well as of animal protection associations are participating in the work as observers.

In 1988 and 1989, two Multilateral Consultations were dedicated to monitoring the implementation of the European Convention for the protection of animals during international transport. Following the conclusions of these Multilateral Consultations, the Committee of Ministers adopted, in addition to a first Recommendation concerning the transport of horses adopted in 1987, four other Recommendations to member States, concerning the transport of pigs, cattle, sheep and goats and poultry.

Recommendation No. 1289 (1996) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on animal welfare and livestock transport, where the Assembly expressed its concern towards the ill treatment of animals during international transport, and the reply adopted by the Committee of Ministers at its 607th meeting, on 30 October 1997, gave new impetus to the process of revision of the Convention ETS 65, and a Working Party was instructed to prepare a new Multilateral Consultation, which was

held in Strasbourg on 18-20 June 2002 and brought about the approval of a revised Convention. The revised Convention was adopted by the Ministers' Deputies on 11 June 2003 and opened for signature in Chişinău, on 6 November 2003, on the occasion of the 113th Session of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. It entered into force on 14 March 2006.

Current work

Pursuant to the revised Convention, the Working Party will now proceed to the drafting of the technical protocols concerning space allowances (Article 17) and water, feed and rest (Article 20).

Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers: Codes of conduct addressing the transport of animals not by species but by transport means (road, sea, air and rail) are currently being elaborated. They aim at replacing the existing recommendations on the transport of different species of animals.

LABORATORY ANIMALS

The European Convention for the protection of vertebrate animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes (1986, ETS 123) concerns the use of animals in procedures (experiments). Its provisions cover areas such as care and accommodation, conduct of experiments, humane killing, authorisation procedures, control of breeding or supplying and user establishments, education and training, and statistical information. The Convention includes two technical Appendices presenting respectively guidelines for accommodation and care of animals (Appendix A) and tables for the presentation of statistical data on the use of animals for scientific purposes (Appendix B).

The Convention provides for Multilateral Consultations of the Parties at least every five years, to examine the application of the Convention and the advisability of revising it or extending any of its provisions according to changes of circumstances and new scientific evidence. The Multilateral Consultations are prepared by a working party.

At the Multilateral Consultations held in 1992, 1993 and 1997, the Parties adopted Resolutions aiming at facilitating and harmonising the implementation of certain provisions of the Convention.

For their work, the Parties have invited non member States of the Council of Europe and cooperate very closely with non-governmental organisations representing the fields concerned: scientists, veterinarians, laboratory animal breeders, animal protection associations, specialists in animal science, representatives of the pharmaceutical industry etc. who participate as observers in the meetings.

In June 1998, a Protocol of Amendment (ETS 170) providing for a simplified procedure for the amendment to the technical appendices to the Convention was opened for signature.

Currently finalised work: revision of Appendix A to the Convention

In 1998, the Parties to the Convention undertook a revision of Appendix A to the Convention, on the accommodation and care of animals. The Working Party completed the revision of the Appendix at its 8th meeting, from 22 to 24 September 2004, and submitted it to the Multilateral Consultation of the Parties for adoption.

The fourth Multilateral Consultation of Parties to the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes (ETS 123) held its meeting in Strasbourg on 15 June 2006.

During this meeting, the draft revised Appendix A of the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes – Guidelines for accommodation and care of animals was unanimously adopted by the Parties to the Convention.

This Appendix contains guidelines based on present knowledge and good practice for the accommodation and care of animals. It explains and supplements the basic principles adopted in Article 5 of the Convention. The objective of the Appendix is thus to provide guidance to help authorities, institutions and individuals in their pursuit of the aims of the Council of Europe in this

matter. It is composed of a General Section - providing guidelines on accommodation, housing and care relevant to all animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes and Species-Specific provisions on rodents, rabbits, dogs and cats, ferrets, farm animals (cattle, sheep, goats, horses, pigs and minipigs), non-human primates, birds, fish, amphibians and reptiles, prepared by the Working Party on the basis of proposals elaborated by Groups of Experts.

The Appendix will enter into force twelve months after its adoption, i.e. on 15 June 2007, as required by Article 31 of the Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes.

PROTECTION OF PET ANIMALS

The European Convention on the protection of pet animals (1987, ETS 125) contains provisions to protect pet animals, and seeks to establish a basic common standard of attitude and practice towards pet ownership. The Convention also aims at regulating trading in and breeding of pet animals, at prohibiting the modification of their natural appearance and at reducing the number of stray animals.

The Convention provides for Multilateral Consultations of the Parties at least every five years, to examine the application of the Convention and the advisability of revising it or extending any of its provisions. The Multilateral Consultations are prepared by a working party.

At the Multilateral Consultations held in 1995, the Parties adopted Resolutions aiming at facilitating and harmonising the implementation of certain provisions of the Convention.

For their work, the Parties have invited non member States of the Council of Europe and cooperate very closely with non-governmental organisations representing the fields concerned: breeders, veterinarians, specialists in animal behaviour, animal protection associations etc. who participate as observers in the meetings.

No activities are currently ongoing.

PROTECTION OF ANIMALS FOR SLAUGHTER

The European Convention for the protection of animals for slaughter (1979; ETS 102) applies to the movement, lairaging, restraint, stunning and slaughter of domestic solipeds, ruminants, pigs, rabbits and poultry. Its provisions have been adapted and elaborated in a Recommendation and a Code of conduct which the Committee of Ministers adopted in 1991.

The Parties to Convention ETS 102 meet for Multilateral Consultations. These consultations aim at monitoring the implementation of the provisions of the Convention and, if appropriate, proposing the revision or the extension of some of them depending on the evolution of the field concerned.

The Multilateral Consultations are prepared by a working party. Representatives of professional fields concerned as well as of animal protection associations are participating in the work as observers.

No activities are currently ongoing.

Liechtenstein										
Lithuania	11/9/2003	2/3/2004	3/9/2004							
Luxembourg	8/4/1976	19/1/1979	20/7/1979							
Malta	29/9/1988	26/3/1991	27/9/1991							
Moldova										
Monaco										
Netherlands	4/9/1980	21/4/1981	22/10/1981				X			
Norway	28/1/1980	25/2/1980	26/8/1980							
Poland	20/4/2005									
Portugal	20/11/1979	20/4/1982	21/10/1982							
Romania										
Russia										
San Marino										
Serbia		28/2/2001 su	29/8/2001	54						
Slovakia										
Slovenia		20/10/1992 su	21/4/1993							
Spain	8/11/1985	5/5/1988	6/11/1988							
Sweden	8/6/1976	7/12/1977	10/9/1978							
Switzerland	7/7/1976	24/9/1980	25/3/1981							
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		30/3/1994 su	1/10/1994							
Turkey										
Ukraine										
United Kingdom	10/3/1976	8/1/1979	9/7/1979				X			

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Montenegro		28/2/2001 a	6/6/2006	54						

International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community	18/10/1988	18/10/1988	19/4/1989							

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	2
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	31

Notes:(54) Date of accession by the state union of Serbia and Montenegro.

a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".

R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

**Protocol of Amendment to the European Convention for the Protection of
Animals kept for Farming Purposes
CETS No.: 145**

Treaty open for signature by the member States which have signed or acceded to the Treaty ETS 87 and by the European Community, and for accession by non-member States having acceded to Treaty ETS 87

Opening for signature

Place: Strasbourg
Date : 6/2/1992

Entry into force

Conditions: Ratification par by Parties to Treaty ETS
087.
Date : //

Status as of: 3/11/2006

Member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Albania										
Andorra										
Armenia										
Austria	30/4/1996	7/10/1996								
Azerbaijan										
Belgium	6/2/1992			13						
Bosnia and Herzegovina				13						
Bulgaria	21/5/2003	20/7/2004								
Croatia				13						
Cyprus	19/10/1992	2/6/1993								
Czech Republic	24/6/1998			13						
Denmark	6/2/1992	20/1/1993								
Estonia										
Finland	5/6/1992 s	5/6/1992 s								
France	25/2/1992	5/11/2004								
Georgia										
Germany	10/6/1992	15/11/1994								
Greece	29/4/1992			13						
Hungary										
Iceland				13						
Ireland	21/12/2005 s	21/12/2005 s								
Italy				13						
Latvia	19/9/2006									
Liechtenstein										
Lithuania	11/9/2003	2/3/2004								
Luxembourg	6/2/1992			13						

Malta				13							
Moldova											
Monaco											
Netherlands				13							
Norway	6/8/1992 s	6/8/1992 s									
Poland	20/4/2005										
Portugal	6/2/1992	8/3/1993									
Romania											
Russia											
San Marino											
Serbia				13							
Slovakia				13							
Slovenia				13							
Spain	19/11/1996	30/1/1997									
Sweden	6/2/1992	6/2/1992									
Switzerland	23/11/1993	21/12/1994									
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia				13							
Turkey											
Ukraine											
United Kingdom	13/12/2001 s	13/12/2001 s						X			

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community				13						

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	6
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	15

Notes:(13) State whose ratification is necessary for the entry into force of the Protocol.
a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Lithuania	11/9/2003	2/3/2004	3/9/2004												
Luxembourg	23/6/1971	13/4/1972	14/10/1972	50	5/2/2005	11/3/2005		X							
Malta															
Moldova															
Monaco															
Netherlands	16/5/1975	4/9/1980	5/3/1981								X				
Norway	13/12/1968	25/6/1969	20/2/1971	50	3/2/2004	9/3/2005		X							
Poland															
Portugal	16/10/1980	1/6/1982	2/12/1982												
Romania		26/4/1991 a	27/10/1991		7/17/2006	1/18/2007									
Russia		13/11/1990 a	14/5/1991	25				X							
San Marino															
Serbia															
Slovakia															
Slovenia															
Spain		2/8/1974 a	3/2/1975												
Sweden	10/9/1970	20/10/1971	21/4/1972	50	11/6/2003	5/7/2004			X						
Switzerland	13/12/1968	19/8/1970	20/2/1971		9/23/2005	3/24/2006									
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia															
Turkey	18/4/1974	19/12/1975	20/6/1976					X							
Ukraine									X	X	X				
United Kingdom	26/2/1969	9/1/1974	1/7/1974												

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	Denunciation	Effect denunciation	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	Denunciation	Effect denunciation	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community												

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	1
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	24

Notes:(25) Date of accession by the former Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.
(50) This Convention will continue to be applied until the entry into force of the revised Convention (ETS No. 193), on 14/03/2006.
a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Liechtenstein													
Lithuania	11/9/2003	2/3/2004	3/9/2004										
Luxembourg	10/5/1979	11/9/1980	7/11/1989										
Malta													
Moldova													
Monaco													
Netherlands	4/9/1980	3/4/1981	7/11/1989								X		
Norway	20/9/1983 s	20/9/1983 s	7/11/1989										
Poland													
Portugal	16/10/1980	1/6/1982	7/11/1989										
Romania		26/4/1991 a	27/10/1991										
Russia		13/11/1990 a	14/5/1991	25									
San Marino													
Serbia													
Slovakia													
Slovenia													
Spain		18/4/1983 a	7/11/1989										
Sweden	10/5/1979 s	10/5/1979 s	7/11/1989		11/6/2003	5/7/2004							
Switzerland	10/5/1979 s	10/5/1979 s	7/11/1989										
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia													
Turkey	19/6/1985	19/5/1989	7/11/1989										
Ukraine													
United Kingdom	22/7/1980 s	22/7/1980 s	7/11/1989								X		

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	Denunciation	Effect denunciation	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	Denunciation	Effect denunciation	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	1
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	24

Notes:(5) Date of signature of the Convention as supplemented and amended by this Protocol.

(25) Date of accession by the former Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".

R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Monaco																			
Netherlands																			
Norway	6/11/2003	2/3/2004	14/3/2006			X													
Poland																			
Portugal																			
Romania	6/11/2003	17/7/2006	18/1/2007																
Russia																			
San Marino																			
Serbia																			
Slovakia																			
Slovenia																			
Spain																			
Sweden	6/11/2003	6/11/2003	14/3/2006			X													
Switzerland	18/6/2004	23/9/2005	24/3/2006			X													
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia																			
Turkey	4/2/2004																		
Ukraine																			
United Kingdom	6/11/2003																		

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community	25/6/2004									

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	9
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	7

Notes: a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Moldova																				
Monaco																				
Netherlands	4/8/1986	21/1/1997	1/8/1997										X							
Norway	18/3/1986	9/7/1986	1/1/1991																	
Poland																				
Portugal	25/5/2000					X														
Romania	15/2/2006																			
Russia																				
San Marino																				
Serbia																				
Slovakia																				
Slovenia	31/1/2002																			
Spain	11/8/1988	12/9/1989	1/1/1991																	
Sweden	18/3/1986	15/9/1988	1/1/1991																	
Switzerland	29/5/1989	3/11/1993	1/6/1994																	
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	22/1/2004	22/1/2004	1/8/2004			X														
Turkey	5/9/1986																			
Ukraine																				
United Kingdom	18/3/1986	17/12/1999	1/7/2000											X						

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community	10/2/1987	30/4/1998	1/11/1998		X					

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	6
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	17

Notes: a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Moldova																				
Monaco																				
Netherlands	22/6/1998	21/2/2000	2/12/2005											X						
Norway	17/12/1998	2/10/2002	2/12/2005																	
Poland																				
Portugal	27/5/2004																			
Romania	15/2/2006			8																
Russia																				
San Marino																				
Serbia																				
Slovakia																				
Slovenia																				
Spain	1/7/2003	17/11/2003	2/12/2005																	
Sweden	22/6/1998 s	22/6/1998 s	2/12/2005																	
Switzerland	15/3/2000	15/3/2000	2/12/2005																	
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	22/1/2004	22/1/2004	2/12/2005																	
Turkey	4/2/2004																			
Ukraine																				
United Kingdom	8/9/1998	17/12/1999	2/12/2005											X						

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States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community	2/11/2005	2/11/2005	2/12/2005							

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	4
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	17

Notes:(8) Date of signature of the Convention as amended by this Protocol.

a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals
CETS No.: 125

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

Opening for signature

Place: Strasbourg
Date : 13/11/1987

Entry into force

Conditions: 4 Ratifications.
Date : 1/5/1992

Status as of: 3/11/2006

Member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Albania										
Andorra										
Armenia										
Austria	2/10/1997	10/8/1999	1/3/2000							
Azerbaijan	22/10/2003									
Belgium	13/11/1987	20/12/1991	1/7/1992		X					
Bosnia and Herzegovina										
Bulgaria	21/5/2003	20/7/2004	1/2/2005							
Croatia										
Cyprus	9/12/1993	9/12/1993	1/7/1994							
Czech Republic	24/6/1998	23/9/1998	24/3/1999		X					
Denmark	13/11/1987	20/10/1992	1/5/1993		X			X		
Estonia										
Finland	2/12/1991	2/12/1991	1/7/1992		X					
France	18/12/1996	3/10/2003	1/5/2004		X			X		
Georgia										
Germany	21/6/1988	27/5/1991	1/5/1992		X					
Greece	13/11/1987	29/4/1992	1/11/1992							
Hungary										
Iceland										
Ireland										
Italy	13/11/1987									
Latvia										
Liechtenstein										
Lithuania	11/9/2003	19/5/2004	1/12/2004							
Luxembourg	13/11/1987	25/10/1991	1/5/1992		X					

Malta										
Moldova										
Monaco										
Netherlands	13/11/1987									
Norway	13/11/1987	3/2/1988	1/5/1992							
Poland										
Portugal	13/11/1987	28/6/1993	1/1/1994		X					
Romania	23/6/2003	6/8/2004	1/3/2005							
Russia										
San Marino										
Serbia										
Slovakia										
Slovenia										
Spain										
Sweden	14/3/1989	14/3/1989	1/5/1992							
Switzerland	13/11/1990	3/11/1993	1/6/1994							
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia										
Turkey	18/11/1999	28/11/2003	1/6/2004							
Ukraine										
United Kingdom										

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	3
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	18

Notes: a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

European Convention for the Protection of Animals for Slaughter
CETS No.: 102

Treaty open for signature by the member States and by the European Community
and for accession by non-member States

Opening for signature

Place: Strasbourg
Date : 10/5/1979

Entry into force

Conditions: 4 Ratifications.
Date : 11/6/1982

Status as of: 3/11/2006

Member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Albania										
Andorra										
Armenia										
Austria										
Azerbaijan										
Belgium	10/5/1979									
Bosnia and Herzegovina		29/12/1994 su	30/6/1995							
Bulgaria	21/5/2003	20/7/2004	21/1/2005							
Croatia		14/9/1994 su	15/3/1995							
Cyprus	25/7/1986	23/6/2005	24/12/2005							
Czech Republic	9/11/2000	20/3/2003	21/9/2003							
Denmark	20/6/1979	23/2/1981	11/6/1982					X		
Estonia										
Finland	2/12/1991	2/12/1991	3/6/1992							
France	10/5/1979									
Georgia										
Germany	10/5/1979	24/2/1984	25/8/1984					X		
Greece	12/11/1984	12/11/1984	13/5/1985			X				
Hungary										
Iceland										
Ireland	6/10/1980	10/12/1981	11/6/1982							
Italy	19/2/1980	7/2/1986	8/8/1986							
Latvia	11/7/2006									
Liechtenstein										
Lithuania	11/9/2003	2/3/2004	3/9/2004							

Luxembourg	10/5/1979	24/7/1980	11/6/1982								
Malta											
Moldova											
Monaco											
Netherlands	25/2/1981	27/6/1986	28/12/1986					X			
Norway	6/4/1982	12/5/1982	13/11/1982								
Poland	11/5/2006										
Portugal	18/12/1979	3/11/1981	11/6/1982								
Romania											
Russia											
San Marino											
Serbia		28/2/2001 su	29/8/2001	54							
Slovakia											
Slovenia		20/10/1992 su	21/4/1993								
Spain											
Sweden	28/11/1979	26/2/1982	27/8/1982								
Switzerland	10/5/1979	3/11/1993	4/5/1994								
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia		30/3/1994 su	1/10/1994								
Turkey											
Ukraine											
United Kingdom	10/5/1979										

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Montenegro		28/2/2001 a	6/6/2006	54						

International Organisations

Organisations	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
European Community										

Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	5
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	22

Notes:(54) Date of accession by the state union of Serbia and Montenegro.

a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".

R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.