

Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region 1997

Lisbon, 11 April 1997

Preamble

The Parties to this Convention,

Conscious of the fact that the right to education is a human right, and that higher education, which is instrumental in the pursuit and advancement of knowledge, constitutes an exceptionally rich cultural and scientific asset for both individuals and society;

Considering that higher education should play a vital role in promoting peace, mutual understanding and tolerance, and in creating mutual confidence among peoples and nations;

Considering that the great diversity of education systems in the European region reflects its cultural, social, political, philosophical, religious and economic diversity, an exceptional asset which should be fully respected;

Desiring to enable all people of the region to benefit fully from this rich asset of diversity by facilitating access by the inhabitants of each State and by the students of each Party's educational institutions to the educational resources of the other Parties, more specifically by facilitating their efforts to continue their education or to complete a period of studies in higher education institutions in those other Parties;

Considering that the recognition of studies, certificates, diplomas and degrees obtained in another country of the European region represents an important measure for promoting academic mobility between the Parties;

Attaching great importance to the principle of institutional autonomy, and conscious of the need to uphold and protect this principle;

Convinced that a fair recognition of qualifications is a key element of the right to education and a responsibility of society;

Having regard to the Council of Europe and UNESCO Conventions covering academic recognition in Europe:

European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities (1953, ETS No. 15), and its Protocol (1964, ETS No. 49);

European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study (1956, ETS No. 21);
European Convention on the Academic Recognition of University Qualifications (1959, ETS No. 32);

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region (1979); European Convention on the General Equivalence of Periods of University Study (1990, ETS No. 138);

Having regard also to the International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean (1976), adopted within the framework of UNESCO and partially covering academic recognition in

Europe;

Mindful that this Convention should also be considered in the context of the UNESCO conventions and the international recommendation covering other Regions of the world, and of the need for an improved exchange of information between these Regions;

Conscious of the wide ranging changes in higher education in the European region since these conventions were adopted, resulting in considerably increased diversification within and between national higher education systems, and of the need to adapt the legal instruments and practice to reflect these developments;

Conscious of the need to find common solutions to practical recognition problems in the European region;

Conscious of the need to improve current recognition practice and to make it more transparent and better adapted to the current situation of higher education in the European region;

Confident of the positive significance of a convention elaborated and adopted under the joint auspices of the Council of Europe and UNESCO providing a framework for the further development of recognition practices in the European region;

Conscious of the importance of providing permanent implementation mechanisms in order to put the principles and provisions of the current Convention into practice,

Have agreed as follows:

SECTION I – DEFINITIONS

Article I

For the purposes of this Convention, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

Access (to higher education)

The right of qualified candidates to apply and to be considered for admission to higher education.

Admission (to higher education institutions and programmes)

The act of, or system for, allowing qualified applicants to pursue studies in higher education at a given institution and/or a given programme.

Assessment (of institutions or programmes)

The process for establishing the educational quality of a higher education institution or programme.

Assessment (of individual qualifications)

The written appraisal or evaluation of an individual's foreign qualifications by a competent body.

Competent recognition authority

A body officially charged with making binding decisions on the recognition of foreign qualifications.

Higher education

All types of courses of study, or sets of courses of study, training or training for research at the post secondary level which are recognised by the relevant authorities of a Party as belonging to its higher education system.

Higher education institution

An establishment providing higher education and recognised by the competent authority of a Party as belonging to its system of higher education.

Higher education programme

A course of study recognised by the competent authority of a Party as belonging to its system of higher education, and the completion of which provides the student with a higher education qualification.

Period of study

Any component of a higher education programme which has been evaluated and documented and, while not a complete programme of study in itself, represents a significant acquisition of knowledge or skill.

Qualification

A. Higher education qualification

Any degree, diploma or other certificate issued by a competent authority attesting the successful completion of a higher education programme.

B. Qualification giving access to higher education

Any diploma or other certificate issued by a competent authority attesting the successful completion of an education programme and giving the holder of the qualification the right to be considered for admission to higher education (cf. the definition of access).

Recognition

A formal acknowledgment by a competent authority of the value of a foreign educational qualification with a view to access to educational and/or employment activities.

Requirements

A. General requirements

Conditions that must in all cases be fulfilled for access to higher education, or to a given level thereof, or for the award of a higher education qualification at a given level.

B. Specific requirements

Conditions that must be fulfilled, in addition to the general requirements, in order to gain admission to a particular higher education programme, or for the award of a specific higher education qualification in a particular field of study.

SECTION II - THE COMPETENCIES OF AUTHORITIES

Article II.1

1. Where central authorities of a Party are competent to make decisions in recognition cases, that Party shall be immediately bound by the provisions of this Convention and shall take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of its provisions on its territory.

Where the competence to make decisions in recognition matters lies with components of the Party, the Party shall furnish one of the depositories with a brief statement of its constitutional situation or structure at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or any time thereafter. In such cases, the competent authorities of the components of the Parties so designated shall take the necessary measures to ensure implementation of the provisions of this Convention on their territory.

2. Where the competence to make decisions in recognition matters lies with individual higher education institutions or other entities, each Party according to its constitutional situation or structure shall transmit the text of this Convention to these institutions or entities and shall take all possible steps to encourage the favourable consideration and application of its provisions.

3. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the obligations of the Parties under subsequent articles of this Convention.

Article II.2

At the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or at any time thereafter, each State, the Holy See or the European Community shall inform either depository of the present Convention of the authorities which are competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases.

Article II.3

Nothing in this Convention shall be deemed to derogate from any more favourable provisions concerning the recognition of qualifications issued in one of the Parties contained in or stemming from an existing or a future treaty to which a Party to this Convention may be or may become a party.

SECTION III - BASIC PRINCIPLES RELATED TO THE ASSESSMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Article III.1

1. Holders of qualifications issued in one of the Parties shall have adequate access, upon request to the appropriate body, to an assessment of these qualifications.

2. No discrimination shall be made in this respect on any ground such as the applicant's gender, race, colour, disability, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status, or on the grounds of any other circumstance not related to the merits of the qualification for which recognition is sought. In order to assure this right, each Party undertakes to make appropriate arrangements for the assessment of an application for recognition of qualifications solely on the basis of the knowledge and skills achieved.

Article III.2

Each Party shall ensure that the procedures and criteria used in the assessment and recognition of qualifications are transparent, coherent and reliable.

Article III.3

1. Decisions on recognition shall be made on the basis of appropriate information on the qualifications for which recognition is sought.
2. In the first instance, the responsibility for providing adequate information rests with the applicant, who shall provide such information in good faith.
3. Notwithstanding the responsibility of the applicant, the institutions having issued the qualifications in question shall have a duty to provide, upon request of the applicant and within reasonable limits, relevant information to the holder of the qualification, to the institution, or to the competent authorities of the country in which recognition is sought.
4. The Parties shall instruct or encourage, as appropriate, all education institutions belonging to their education systems to comply with any reasonable request for information for the purpose of assessing qualifications earned at the said institutions.
5. The responsibility to demonstrate that an application does not fulfill the relevant requirements lies with the body undertaking the assessment.

Article III.4

Each Party shall ensure, in order to facilitate the recognition of qualifications, that adequate and clear information on its education system is provided.

Article III.5

Decisions on recognition shall be made within a reasonable time limit specified beforehand by the competent recognition authority and calculated from the time all necessary information in the case has been provided. If recognition is withheld, the reasons for the refusal to grant recognition shall be stated, and information shall be given concerning possible measures the applicant may take in order to obtain recognition at a later stage. If recognition is withheld, or if no decision is taken, the applicant shall be able to make an appeal within a reasonable time limit.

SECTION IV - RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS GIVING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Article IV.1

Each Party shall recognise the qualifications issued by other Parties meeting the general requirements for access to higher education in those Parties for the purpose of access to programmes belonging to its higher education system, unless a substantial difference can be shown between the general requirements for access in the Party in which the qualification was obtained and in the Party in which recognition of the qualification is sought.

Article IV.2

Alternatively, it shall be sufficient for a Party to enable the holder of a qualification issued in one of the other Parties to obtain an assessment of that qualification, upon request by the holder, and the

provisions of Article IV.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such a case.

Article IV.3

Where a qualification gives access only to specific types of institutions or programmes of higher education in the Party in which the qualification was obtained, each other Party shall grant holders of such qualifications access to similar specific programmes in institutions belonging to its higher education system, unless a substantial difference can be demonstrated between the requirements for access in the Party in which the qualification was obtained and the Party in which recognition of the qualification is sought.

Article IV.4

Where admission to particular higher education programmes is dependent on the fulfillment of specific requirements in addition to the general requirements for access, the competent authorities of the Party concerned may impose the additional requirements equally on holders of qualifications obtained in the other Parties or assess whether applicants with qualifications obtained in other Parties fulfill equivalent requirements.

Article IV.5

Where, in the Party in which they have been obtained, school leaving certificates give access to higher education only in combination with additional qualifying examinations as a prerequisite for access, the other Parties may make access conditional on these requirements or offer an alternative for satisfying such additional requirements within their own educational systems. Any State, the Holy See or the European Community may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, or at any time thereafter, notify one of the depositaries that it avails itself of the provisions of this Article, specifying the Parties in regard to which it intends to apply this Article as well as the reasons therefore.

Article IV.6

Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles IV.1, IV.2, IV.3, IV.4 and IV.5, admission to a given higher education institution, or to a given programme within such an institution, may be restricted or selective. In cases in which admission to a higher education institution and/or programme is selective, admission procedures should be designed with a view to ensuring that the assessment of foreign qualifications is carried out according to the principles of fairness and non-discrimination described in Section III.

Article IV.7

Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles IV.1, IV.2, IV.3, IV.4 and IV.5, admission to a given higher education institution may be made conditional on demonstration by the applicant of sufficient competence in the language or languages of instruction of the institution concerned, or in other specified languages.

Article IV.8

In the Parties in which access to higher education may be obtained on the basis of non-traditional qualifications, similar qualifications obtained in other Parties shall be assessed in a similar manner as non-traditional qualifications earned in the Party in which recognition is sought.

Article IV.9

For the purpose of admission to programmes of higher education, each Party may make the recognition of qualifications issued by foreign educational institutions operating in its territory contingent upon specific requirements of national legislation or specific agreements concluded with the Party of origin of such institutions.

SECTION V - RECOGNITION OF PERIODS OF STUDY

Article V.1

Each Party shall recognise periods of study completed within the framework of a higher education programme in another Party. This recognition shall comprise such periods of study towards the completion of a higher education programme in the Party in which recognition is sought, unless substantial differences can be shown between the periods of study completed in another Party and the part of the higher education programme which they would replace in the Party in which recognition is sought.

Article V.2

Alternatively, it shall be sufficient for a Party to enable a person who has completed a period of study within the framework of a higher education programme in another Party to obtain an assessment of that period of study, upon request by the person concerned, and the provisions of Article V.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such a case.

Article V.3

In particular, each Party shall facilitate recognition of periods of study when:

- (a) there has been a previous agreement between, on the one hand, the higher education institution or the competent authority responsible for the relevant period of study and, on the other hand,
- (b) the higher education institution or the competent recognition authority responsible for the recognition that is sought; and the higher education institution in which the period of study has been completed has issued a certificate or transcript of academic records attesting that the student has successfully completed the stipulated requirements for the said period of study.

SECTION VI - RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

Article VI.1

To the extent that a recognition decision is based on the knowledge and skills certified by the higher education qualification, each Party shall recognise the higher education qualifications conferred in another Party, unless a substantial difference can be shown between the qualification for which recognition is sought and the corresponding qualification in the Party in which recognition is sought.

Article VI.2

Alternatively, it shall be sufficient for a Party to enable the holder of a higher education qualification issued in one of the other Parties to obtain an assessment of that qualification, upon request by the holder, and the provisions of Article VI.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such a case.

Article VI.3

Recognition in a Party of a higher education qualification issued in another Party shall have one or

both of the following consequences:

(a) access to further higher education studies, including relevant examinations, and/or to preparations for the doctorate, on the same conditions as those applicable to holders of qualifications of the Party in which recognition is sought;

(b) the use of an academic title, subject to the laws and regulations of the Party or a jurisdiction thereof, in which recognition is sought.

In addition, recognition may facilitate access to the labour market subject to laws and regulations of the Party, or a jurisdiction thereof, in which recognition is sought.

Article VI.4

An assessment in a Party of a higher education qualification issued in another Party may take the form of:

(a) advice for general employment purposes;

(b) advice to an educational institution for the purpose of admission into its programmes;

(c) advice to any other competent recognition authority.

Article VI.5

Each Party may make the recognition of higher education qualifications issued by foreign educational institutions operating in its territory contingent upon specific requirements of national legislation or specific agreements concluded with the Party of origin of such institutions.

SECTION VII - RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS HELD BY REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS AND PERSONS IN A REFUGEE - LIKE SITUATION

Article VII

Each Party shall take all feasible and reasonable steps within the framework of its education system and in conformity with its constitutional, legal, and regulatory provisions to develop procedures designed to assess fairly and expeditiously whether refugees, displaced persons and persons in a refugee-like situation fulfill the relevant requirements for access to higher education, to further higher education programmes or to employment activities, even in cases in which the qualifications obtained in one of the Parties cannot be proven through documentary evidence.

SECTION VIII- INFORMATION ON THE ASSESSMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMMES

Article VIII.1

Each Party shall provide adequate information on any institution belonging to its higher education system, and on any programme operated by these institutions, with a view to enabling the competent authorities of other Parties to ascertain whether the quality of the qualifications issued by these institutions justifies recognition in the Party in which recognition is sought. Such information shall take the following form:

(a) in the case of Parties having established a system of formal assessment of higher education institutions and programmes: information on the methods and results of this assessment, and of the

standards of quality specific to each type of higher education institution granting, and to programmes leading to higher education qualifications;

(b) in the case of Parties which have not established a system of formal assessment of higher education institutions and programmes:
information on the recognition of the various qualifications obtained at any higher education institution, or within any higher education programme, belonging to their higher education systems.

Article VIII.2

Each Party shall make adequate provisions for the development, maintenance and provision of:

(a) an overview of the different types of higher education institutions belonging to its higher education system, with the typical characteristics of each type of institution;

(b) a list of recognised institutions (public and private) belonging to its higher education system, indicating their powers to award different types of qualifications and the requirements for gaining access to each type of institution and programme;

(c) a description of higher education programmes;

(d) a list of educational institutions located outside its territory which the Party considers as belonging to its education system.

SECTION IX - INFORMATION ON RECOGNITION MATTERS

Article IX.1

In order to facilitate the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education, the Parties undertake to establish transparent systems for the complete description of the qualifications obtained.

Article IX.2

1. Acknowledging the need for relevant, accurate and up-to-date information, each Party shall establish or maintain a national information centre and shall notify one of the depositories of its establishment, or of any changes affecting it.

2. In each Party, the national information centre shall:

(a) facilitate access to authoritative and accurate information on the higher education system and qualifications of the country in which it is located;

(b) facilitate access to information on the higher education systems and qualifications of the other Parties;

(c) give advice or information on recognition matters and assessment of qualifications, in accordance with national laws and regulations.

3. Every national information centre shall have at its disposal the necessary means to enable it to fulfill its functions.

Article IX.3

The Parties shall promote, through the national information centres or otherwise, the use of the UNESCO/Council of Europe Diploma Supplement or any other comparable document by the higher education institutions of the Parties.

SECTION X - IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

Article X.1

The following bodies shall oversee, promote and facilitate the implementation of the Convention:

(a) the Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region;

(b) the European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition (the ENIC Network), established by decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 9 June 1994 and the UNESCO Regional Committee for Europe on 18 June 1994.

Article X.2

1. The Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) is hereby established. It shall be composed of one representative of each Party.

2. For the purposes of Article X.2, the term “Party”; shall not apply to the European Community.

3. The States mentioned in Article XI.1.1 and the Holy See, if they are not Parties to this Convention, the European Community and the President of the ENIC Network may participate in the meetings of the Committee as observers. Representatives of governmental and non-governmental organisations active in the field of recognition in the Region may also be invited to attend meetings of the Committee as observers.

4. The President of the UNESCO Regional Committee for the Application of the Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region shall also be invited to participate in the meetings of the Committee as an observer.

5. The Committee shall promote the application of this Convention and shall oversee its implementation. To this end it may adopt, by a majority of the Parties, recommendations, declarations, protocols and models of good practice to guide the competent authorities of the Parties in their implementation of the Convention and in their consideration of applications for the recognition of higher education qualifications. While they shall not be bound by such texts, the Parties shall use their best endeavours to apply them, to bring the texts to the attention of the competent authorities and to encourage their application. The Committee shall seek the opinion of the ENIC Network before making its decisions.

6. The Committee shall report to the relevant bodies of the Council of Europe and UNESCO.

7. The Committee shall maintain links to the UNESCO Regional Committees for the Application of Conventions on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education adopted under the auspices of UNESCO.

8. A majority of the Parties shall constitute a quorum.

9. The Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure. It shall meet in ordinary session at least every

three years. The Committee shall meet for the first time within a year of the entry into force of this Convention.

10. The Secretariat of the Committee shall be entrusted jointly to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

Article X.3

1. Each Party shall appoint as a member of the European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition (the ENIC Network) the national information centre established or maintained under Article IX.2. In cases in which more than one national information centre is established or maintained in a Party under Article IX.2, all these shall be members of the Network, but the national information centres concerned shall dispose of only one vote.

2. The ENIC Network shall, in its composition restricted to national information centres of the Parties to this Convention, uphold and assist the practical implementation of the Convention by the competent national authorities. The Network shall meet at least once a year in plenary session. It shall elect its President and Bureau in accordance with its terms of reference.

3. The Secretariat of the ENIC Network shall be entrusted jointly to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and to the Director-General of UNESCO.

4. The Parties shall co-operate, through the ENIC Network, with the national information centres of other Parties, especially by enabling them to collect all information of use to the national information centres in their activities relating to academic recognition and mobility.

SECTION XI - FINAL CLAUSES

Article XI.1

(1) This Convention shall be open for signature by:

(a) the member states of the Council of Europe;

(b) the member states of the UNESCO Europe Region;

(c) any other signatory, contracting state or party to the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe and/or to the UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region, which have been invited to the diplomatic conference entrusted with the adoption of this Convention.

(2) These states and the Holy See may express their consent to be bound by:

(a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(b) signature, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or

(c) accession.

3. Signatures shall be made with one of the depositaries. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with one of the depositaries.

Article XI.2

This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of one month after five states, including at least three member states of the Council of Europe and/or the UNESCO Europe Region, have expressed their consent to be bound by the Convention. It shall enter into force for each other State on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of one month after the date of expression of its consent to be bound by the Convention.

Article XI.3

1. After the entry into force of this Convention, any state other than those falling into one of the categories listed under Article XI.1 may request accession to this Convention. Any request to this effect shall be addressed to one of the depositories, who shall transmit it to the Parties at least three months before the meeting of the Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. The depository shall also inform the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Executive Board of UNESCO.
2. The decision to invite a State which so requests to accede to this Convention shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the Parties.
3. After the entry into force of this Convention the European Community may accede to it following a request by its member states, which shall be addressed to one of the depositories. In this case, Article XI.3.2 shall not apply.
4. In respect of any acceding states or the European Community, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of one month after the deposit of the instrument of accession with one of the depositories.

Article XI.4

1. Parties to this Convention which are at the same time parties to one or more of the following conventions:

European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas leading to Admission to Universities (1953, ETS No. 15), and its Protocol (1964, ETS No. 49);

European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of University Study (1956, ETS No. 21);

European Convention on the Academic Recognition of University Qualifications (1959, ETS No. 32);

International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean (1976);

Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region (1979);

European Convention on the General Equivalence of Periods of University Study (1990, ETS No. 138),

(a) shall apply the provisions of the present Convention in their mutual relations;

(b) shall continue to apply the above mentioned conventions to which they are a party in their relations with other States party to those conventions but not to the present Convention.

2. The Parties to this Convention undertake to abstain from becoming a party to any of the conventions mentioned in paragraph 1, to which they are not already a party, with the exception of the International Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in the Arab and European States bordering on the Mediterranean.

Article XI.5

1. Any State may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, specify the territory or territories to which this Convention shall apply.

2. Any State may, at any later date, by a declaration addressed to one of the depositories, extend the application of this Convention to any other territory specified in the declaration. In respect of such territory the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of one month after the date of receipt of such declaration by the depositary.

3. Any declaration made under the two preceding paragraphs may, in respect of any territory specified in such declaration, be withdrawn by a notification addressed to one of the depositories. The withdrawal shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of one month after the date of receipt of such notification by the depositary.

Article XI.6

1. Any Party may, at any time, denounce this Convention by means of a notification addressed to one of the depositories.

2. Such denunciation shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of twelve months after the date of receipt of the notification by the depositary. However, such denunciation shall not affect recognition decisions taken previously under the provisions of this Convention.

3. Termination or suspension of the operation of this Convention as a consequence of a violation by a Party of a provision essential to the accomplishment of the object or purpose of this Convention shall be addressed in accordance with international law.

Article XI.7

1. Any State, the Holy See or the European Community may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, declare that it reserves the right not to apply, in whole or in part, one or more of the following Articles of this Convention:

Article IV.8

Article V.2

Article VI.3

Article VIII.2

Article IX.3

No other reservation may be made.

2. Any Party which has made a reservation under the preceding paragraph may wholly or partly withdraw it by means of a notification addressed to one of the depositories. The withdrawal shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notification by the depositary.

3. A Party which has made a reservation in respect of a provision of this Convention may not claim the application of that provision by any other Party; it may, however, if its reservation is partial or conditional, claim the application of that provision in so far as it has itself accepted it.

Article XI.8

1. Draft amendments to this Convention may be adopted by the Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region by a two-thirds majority of the Parties. Any draft amendment so adopted shall be incorporated into a Protocol to this Convention. The Protocol shall specify the modalities for its entry into force which, in any event, shall require the expression of consent by the Parties to be bound by it.

2. No amendment may be made to Section III of this Convention under the procedure of paragraph 1 above.

3. Any proposal for amendments shall be communicated to one of the depositories, who shall transmit it to the Parties at least three months before the meeting of the Committee. The depository shall also inform the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and the Executive Board of UNESCO.

Article XI.9

1. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe and the Director- General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation shall be the depositories of this Convention.

2. The depository with whom an act, notification or communication has been deposited shall notify the Parties to this Convention, as well as the other member States of the Council of Europe and/or of the UNESCO Europe Region of:

(a) any signature;

(b) the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;

(c) any date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with the provisions of Articles XI.2 and XI.3.4;

(d) any reservation made in pursuance of the provisions of Article XI.7 and the withdrawal of any reservations made in pursuance of the provisions of Article XI.7;

(e) any denunciation of this Convention in pursuance of Article XI.6;

(f) any declarations made in accordance with the provisions of Article II.1, or of Article II.2;

(g) any declarations made in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.5;

(h) any request for accession made in accordance with the provisions of Article XI.3;

(i) any proposal made in accordance with the provisions of Article XI.8;

(j) any other act, notification or communication relating to this Convention.

3. The depository receiving a communication or making a notification in pursuance of the provisions of this Convention shall immediately inform the other depository thereof.

In witness thereof the undersigned representatives, being duly authorised, have signed this Convention.

Done at Lisbon on 11 April 1997, in the English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, the four texts being equally authoritative, in two copies, one of which shall be deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe and the other in the archives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. A certified copy shall be sent to all the States referred to in Article XI.1, to the Holy See and to the European Community and to the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Depositary :

Council of Europe and UNESCO

Opened for Signature :

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The Convention has been signed by the following States:

Albania	4 November 1999
Armenia	26 May 2000
Azerbaijan	11 April 1997
Belgium	7 march 2005
Bosnia and Herzegovina	17 July 2003
Bulgaria	11 April 1997
Canada	4 November 1997
Croatia	11 April 1997
Cyprus	25 March 1998
Czech Republic	11 April 1997
Denmark	11 April 1997
Estonia	11 April 1997
Finland	22 January 1998
France	11 April 1997
Georgia	11 April 1997
Germany	11 April 1997
Holy See	11 April 1997
Hungary	11 April 1997
Iceland	11 April 1997
Ireland	8 March 2004
Israel	24 November 1997
Italy	24 July 1997
Kazakhstan	11 April 1997
Latvia	11 April 1997
Lithuania	11 April 1997
Luxembourg	11 April 1997
Malta	11 April 1997
Moldova	6 May 1997

Netherlands	11 April 1997
Norway	11 April 1997
Poland	11 April 1997
Portugal	11 April 1997
Romania	11 April 1997
Russia	7 May 1999
Serbia and Montenegro	3 March 2004
Slovakia	11 April 1997
Slovenia	11 April 1997
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Armenia

In accordance with Article XI.4, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Republic of Armenia declares that it will abstain from ratifying the European Convention on the General Equivalence of Periods of University Study (ETS No. 138), signed by Armenia on 26 May 2000

In accordance with Article XI.7 of the Convention, the Republic of Armenia declares that it reserves the right not to apply Article IV.8 of the Convention

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Armenia declares that the authority competent to make decisions in recognition cases in the Republic of Armenia is the Ministry of Education and Science:

Ministry of Education and Science
13 Movses Khorenatsi Street
375010 Yerevan
Armenia
Tel: +374(2) 526-602 +374(2) 589-543
Fax: +374(2) 151-651 +374(2) 580-403
E-mail: mines@edu.am; mher@edu.am;
mhermg@freenet.am
Internet : <http://www.edu.am/mes>

Austria

Referring to the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region, the Government of Austria submits the following Declaration:

Article II.2

In Austria, the competence to make decisions in recognition cases lies with the organs of the universities or with "Fachhochschul-Studiengänge" or with the "Fachhochschulrat" (advisory council on "Fachhochschule" matters).

Article IV.5

Austria avails itself of the provisions of this Article, intending - at present - to apply it in regard to school leaving certificates from Greece (until the entry into force in Greece of the Law on a unified Lyceum) and from Turkey.

Article VIII.1

Austria is a Party under lit.a, having established a system of formal assessment of higher education institutions and programmes, with separate assessments for universities on one hand and for "Fachhochschul-Studiengänge" on the other.

Article VIII.2

The categories of information addressed in this provision are available in Austria

Article IX.2

The following office is the national information centre of Austria on recognition matters (*):

NARIC AUSTRIA, Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur:
Abteilung VII/D/3
Teinfaltstrasse 8
A-1014 Wien.

Persons to be addressed:

Dr Heinz KASPAROVSKY, Tel.: 00431.53120/5920, Fax: 00431.53120/7890, Email:
heinz.kasparovsky@bmwf.gv.at

Dr Christoph DEMAND, Tel.: 00431.53120/5922, Fax: 00431.5320/7890, Email:
christoph.demand@bmwf.gv.at

(*) Name modified by a letter from the Permanent Representative of Austria, dated 26 July 2000, registered at the Secretariat General on 26 July 2000

Azerbaijan

In accordance with Article X.2 of the Convention, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan by his Instruction No. 346 on 6 March 2000 has designated the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan to represent the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region and to inform the competent authorities of other States Parties to this Convention about the higher education system and higher education qualifications in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The address of the competent authority is (*):

Ministry of Education
370008, Kathai av., 49,
Baku, Azerbaijan
Tel. + (994 12)93 66 60, 93 19 66, 93 72 66.
Fax +(994 12)93 80 97.

(*) Address modified by a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, dated September 2000, registered at the Secretariat General on 30 September 2000

Bulgaria

In accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention, the functions of the Bulgarian Centre for Equivalence and Information are fulfilled by the National Centre for Information on Academic Recognition the Ministry of Education and Science's "International Activities" Directorate (address: 2 A, bd. Kniaz Dondoukov, Sofia 1000, tel. +359.2.9880.494 ; fax: +359.2.9880.600 ; email: intcoop@minedu.govern.bg)

The authorities competent to make different categories of decision in recognition cases are : the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria and Higher Education Institutions

Czech Republic

In accordance with Article XI.7 of the Convention, the Czech Republic expresses its consent to the commitments arising out of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region.

In accordance with Article X.1 of the Convention, the Czech Republic appoints Mrs. Helena Sebková, Director of the Centre for Higher Education Studies in Prague, as representative of the Czech Republic on the Committee of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Address: U Luzického semináře 13, 118 00 Praha 1. - tel. 00420 2 543573 - fax 00420 2 551945 - e-mail: sebkova@csvs.cz.

In accordance with Article X.3 of the Convention, the Czech Republic appoints the Centre for Equivalence of Documents about Education of the Centre for Higher Education Studies in Prague as representative of the Czech Republic in the European Network of National Information Centres on academic mobility and recognition. Address: U Luzického semináře 13, 118 00 Praha 1. - tel. 00420 2 532332 - fax 00420 2 551945 - e-mail: skuhrova@csvs.cz

Denmark

Denmark declares that, in accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention, the following national information centre has been established:

Center for Vurdering af Udenlandske Uddannelser (CVUU)
H.C Andersens Boulevard 43
DK - 1553 København V

Danmark

Denmark declares that the Convention, in accordance with its Article XI.5, will not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland

Estonia

Pursuant to Article II.2 of the Convention, the Government of Estonia declares that the competence to make recognition decisions lies in Estonia with higher education institutions. In case of employment recognition decisions are made by employers

Pursuant to Article IX.2 to the Convention, the national information centre is located in Archimedes Foundation:

Estonian ENIC/NARIC
Archimedes Foundation
Koidula 13A, Tallinn 10125
Phone : +372.6.962.415
Fax: +372.6.962.419
E-mail : gunnar@archimedes.ee
Internet: www.socrates.ee/en.html

Finland

Pursuant to Article II.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Finland declares that the competence to make recognition decisions lies with higher education institutions

Pursuant to Article IX.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Finland declares that the national information centre, in its role as a European Network Information Centre, is :

National Board of Education
Hakaniemenkatu 2
FI-00530 HELSINKI
Tel. +358.9.774775
Fax. +358.9.77477201
Internet : <http://www.oph.fi/english>

Holy See

With reference to Article II.2, the Holy See states that its own central authorities are competent to make decisions in recognition cases. The component of the central authority which exercises this competence is the Congregation for Catholic Education.

Correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, 00120 Città del Vaticano, Vatican City State (tel. + 39.0669884167; fax + 39.0669884172; e-mail educatt@ccatheduc.va).

The academic institutions of the Holy See subject to the Convention are located in different nations, and they depend on the Holy See for conditions of enrolment, programmes of studies and the conferral of degrees

The Holy See reserves the right not to apply Article IX.3, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI.7.1

Hungary

The Republic of Hungary declares that the national information centre mentioned in Article IX.2(1) of the said Convention shall be the Hungarian Centre for Equivalence and Information, which was

established under paragraph 3 of Government Decree No. 47 of 27 April 1995, as amended by Government Decree No. 276 of 22 December 1997.

The functions of the Hungarian Centre for Equivalence and Information, defined in paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned Decree, are as follows:

- preparing legislation concerning the recognition of foreign studies and diplomas obtained abroad;
- preparing international agreements in the area of academic mobility and mutual recognition of school certificates and diplomas certifying academic and vocational qualifications in higher education;
- recognising higher education diplomas obtained abroad or higher education qualifications certified through diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions in Hungary, whose operational arrangements are set out in paragraph 110(2) of the 1993 Higher Education Act, No. LXXX ;
- recognising vocational qualifications obtained in higher education institutions;
- collecting, classifying, collating and registering information concerning foreign higher education systems, the legal status of foreign higher education institutions, higher education and the criteria for obtaining a higher education qualification;

- providing information on foreign higher education systems to the authorities and to national higher education institutions;
- providing - at the request of foreign authorities, professional organisations and institutions of higher education - information on Hungarian higher education (e.g., on Hungarian higher education institutions), the higher education system and the diplomas certifying academic and vocational qualifications obtained in higher education institutions;
- providing information and delivering - at the client's request and for the purposes of use abroad - attestations on studies pursued in Hungarian higher education institutions and on the diplomas certifying an academic or vocational qualification obtained in the Hungarian higher education system;
- maintaining professional contacts with equivalence centres in other countries and with international organisations;
- carrying out duties connected with the responsibilities of the Hungarian Equivalence Committee's Secretariat;
- carrying out tasks entrusted to it by the Ministry of Education

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the Government of Hungary declares that the competence to make decisions on the recognition of qualifications issued by foreign educational institutions or, of periods of study completed abroad with a view to admission to higher education, shall lie in each case with that particular higher education institution, in which the applicant wishes to pursue his or her studies.

The Government of Hungary declares that the national information centre mentioned in Article IX.2, paragraph 1, of the Convention shall be the Hungarian Equivalence and Information Centre which operates within the Ministry of Education, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 100 of 2001 on the Recognition of Foreign Certificates and Degrees.

The Hungarian Equivalence and Information Centre shall carry out the following functions, in accordance with Article IX.2, paragraph 2, of the Convention as well as the relevant provisions of Act No. 100 of 2001 :

- facilitating access to authoritative and accurate information on the higher education system and qualifications of Hungary;

- facilitating access to information on the higher education systems and qualifications of the other Parties to the Convention,- giving advice or information on recognition matters and assessment of

qualifications, in accordance with national laws and regulations in force in Hungary.

Latvia

The competence to make recognition decisions lies with higher education institutions. Decisions are to be made on basis of recognition statement issued by the Academic Information Centre (Latvian ENIC/NARIC), located :

Valnu str. 2,
Riga LV-1050,
Latvia
Tel.: +371-722 51 55
Fax: +371-722 10 06
E-mail : aic@aic.lv
Internet : <http://www.aic.lv>

The National Information Centre is located in the Academic Information Centre (Latvian ENIC/NARIC)

Liechtenstein

Article II.2

In Liechtenstein, the competence to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases lies in the first instance within the organs of the «Fachhochschule» and the institutes of higher education, and in the second instance within the Office for school matters and the Government respectively.

Article VIII. 1a and VIII.2

The Principality of Liechtenstein shall take the adequate measures for the development, maintenance and provision of the information specified in these provisions.

Article IX.2

The national information center of Liechtenstein concerning recognition is the following:

ENIC/NARIC Liechtenstein
Schulamnt
Herrengasse 2
FL - 9490 Vaduz

The contact person is :

Hans Peter Walch
Tel. +423-236.67.58
Fax. +423-236.67.71
e-mail : hanspeter.walch@sa.llv.li

Luxembourg

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the competent authority in Luxembourg to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases is :

the Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research
20, montée de la Pétrusse
L - 2273 Luxembourg

Responsible officials:

Mr Germain Dondelinger, Professeur-attaché - Tel. 00 352 478 66 33
Mr Jean Tagliaferri, Professeur-attaché - Tel. 00 352 478 51 39
Moldova

Referring to the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning the Higher Education in the European Region, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova informs that, according to Article II.2, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Moldova is the authority which is competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases

Norway

According to The Act No. 22 of 12 May 1995 on Universities and Colleges, the higher education institutions are the competent authorities to make decisions in recognition cases. The Act applies to :

- the Universities : University of Oslo, University of Bergen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Tromsø with the Norwegian College of Fishery Science;
- specialised University institutions : Oslo School of Architecture, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Norwegian College of Sport Sciences, Norwegian Academy of Music, Norwegian School of Veterinary Science, Agricultural University of Norway;
- University Colleges : Agder University College, Akershus University College, Bergen University College, Bodø University College, Buskerud University College, Finnmark University College, Gjøvik University College, Harstad University College, Hedmark University College, Lillehammer University College, Molde University College, Narvik University College, Nesna University College, Nord-Trøndelag University College, Oslo University College, Sogn og Fjordane University College, Stavanger University College, Stord/Haugesund University College, Sør-Trøndelag University College, Telemark University College, Tromsø University College, Vestfold University College, Østfold University College, Volda University College, Ålesund University College, Saami University College ;
- National Institutes of Arts : Bergen Institute of Art, Oslo Institute of Art.

The National Information Centre of Norway is the :

National Academic Information Centre
Network Norway Council
P.O. Box 8150 Dep.
0032 Oslo
Norway
Tel. : +47 210 818 60
Fax : +47 210 218 02
Internet : <http://www.nnr.no>

Poland

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Poland declares that the authorities which are competent to make decisions in recognition cases in Poland are the local governmental educational authorities, higher education institutions and accredited science institutions.

In accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Poland declares that the national information centre is the:
Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange
ul. Smolna 13

00-375 Warsaw - Poland
Tel.: +48 22 826 74 34
Fax.: +48 22 826 28 23
E-mail: biuro@buwium.edu.pl
Internet: <http://www.buwium.edu.pl>

Romania

Pursuant to Article II.2 of the Convention, Romania declares that the authority which is competent to make decisions on the recognition of qualifications concerning higher education is the (*) :

National Centre for the Recognition and Equivalence of Diplomas - ENIC/NARIC
30 General Berthelot street
Bucarest
ROMANIA
Tel./Fax : +401 313 26 77
E-mail : girbea@men.edu.ro

(*) Address completed by a letter from the ENIC/NARIC Centre of Romania, dated 14 September 2000, registered at the Secretariat General on 14 September 2000

Serbia and Montenegro

With regard to Article II.2, the authorities which are competent to make different categories of decision in recognition cases in the state union of Serbia and Montenegro are the following:

Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Serbia
Nemanjina 22-26
11000 Beograd
Serbia and Montenegro
Tel. +381 11 361 64 89
Fax. +381 11 361 64 91

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Montenegro
Vuka Karadzica 3
81000 Podgorica
Serbia and Montenegro
Tel. +381 81 248 847
Fax. +381 81 248 526

With regard to Article IX.2, functions of the National Information Centre for Serbia and Montenegro are fulfilled by:

ENIC Centre - Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Serbia
Mrs Olga Jovanovic and Mr Mirko Ozegovic
Nemanjina 22-26
11000 Beograd
Serbia and Montenegro
Tel. +381 11 361 66 07
Fax. +381 11 361 65 15

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Montenegro
Mrs Vanja Srdanovic
Vuka Karadzica 3
81000 Podgorica
Serbia and Montenegro

Tel. +381 81 265 016
E-mail: vanja@cg.ac.yu

Slovakia

In accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention, the Government of Slovakia declares that the functions of the national information centre are fulfilled by the Centre for Equivalence of Diplomas, Institute of Information and Prognoses of Education (Stredisko pre ekvivalenciu dokladov o vzdelaní Ústavu informácií a prognóz školstva), address: Staré grundy 52, 842 44 Bratislava, Slovak Republic; tel. fax: 00421 7 6542 6521

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the Government of Slovakia declares that the authorities which are competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases are the following:

Authorities which are competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases according to the Article II.2 Section II. "The Competence of Authorities":

a. Qualifications giving access to higher education:

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V BRATISLAVE (Regional Office in Bratislava)
Staromestská 6 - 812 71 Bratislava - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 7/593 121 85 - Fax : +421 7/531 009 72

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V TRNAVE (Regional Office in Trnava)
Kollárova 8 - 917 00 Trnava - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 805/55 64 401 - Fax : +421 805/55 12 320

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V TRENCÍNE (Regional Office in Trenčín)
Hviezdoslavova 3 - 911 49 Trenčín - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 831/411 401 - Fax : +421 831/534 686

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V NITRE (Regional Office in Nitra)
Stefánikova 69 - 949 68 Nitra - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 87/522 879 - Fax : +421 87/515 329

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V ZILINE (Regional Office in Zilina)
J.Kráľa 4 - 040 01 Zilina - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 89/67 77 374 - Fax : +421 89/48 138

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V BANSKEJ BYSTRICI (Regional Office in Banská Bystrica)
Nám.L.Stúra 1 - 975 41 Banská Bystrica - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 88/43 06 407 - Fax : +421 88/43 06 407

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V PRESOVE (Regional Office in Presov)
Levocská 3 - 080 73 Presov - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 91/713 443 - Fax : +421 91/711 033

KRAJSKÝ ÚRAD V KOSICIACH (Regional Office in Kosice)
Komenského 52 - 041 70 Kosice - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 95/60 01 601 - Fax : +421 95/63 36 718

b. Higher education qualifications

i. Higher education institutions :

UNIVERZITA MATEJA BELA V BANSKEJ BYSTRICI (Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica)

Národná ul. 12 - 974 01 Banská Bystrica - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 88/412 33 67, 412 32 95 - Fax : +421 88/ 415

E-mail: tomecek@rekt.umb.sk

UNIVERZITA KOMENSKÉHO V BRATISLAVE (Comenius University in Bratislava)

Safárikovo nám. 6 - 818 06 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel. : +421 7/304 111 - Fax : +421 7/363 836

E.mail : Ferdinand.Devinsky@rec.uniba.sk

EKONOMICKÁ UNIVERZITA V BRATISLAVE (University of Economics in Bratislava)

Dolnozemska cesta 1 - 852 35 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel. : +421 7/6729 5111, 6729 1111 - Fax : +421 7/847 348

E.mail : stern@euba.sk

SLOVENSKÁ TECHNICKÁ UNIVERZITA V BRATISLAVE (Slovak Technical University in Bratislava)

Vazovova 5 - 813 43 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel. : +421 7/359 4110 - Fax : +421 7/3594 677

E.mail : hudoba@cvt.stuba.sk

UNIVERZITA PAVLA JOSEFA SAFÁRIKA V KOSICIACH (Pavol Josef Safarik University in Kosice)

Srobárová ulica 2 - 041 90 Kosice - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 95/62 22 602 - Fax : +421 95/766 959

E.mail : podhrads@kosice.upis.sk

UNIVERSITA VETERINÁRSKEHO LEKÁRSTVA V KOSICIACH (University of Veterinary Medicine in Kosice)

Komenského 73 - 041 81 Kosice - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 95/62 29 924 - Fax : +421 95/ 63 23 666

E.mail : rektor@uvm.sk

TECHNICKÁ UNIVERZITA V KOSICIACH (Technical University in Kosice)

Letná 9 - 042 00 Kosice - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 95/63 22 485, 63 31 813, 60 22 001 - Fax : +421 95/63 32 748

E.mail : somora@tuke.sk

SLOVENSKÁ POLNOHOSPOHÁRSKA UNIVERZITA V NITRE (Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra)

Trieda A. Hlinku 2 - 949 76 Nitra - Slovak Republic

Tel. : +421 87/511 751-4, 512 251-4 - Fax : +421 87/511 560

E.mail : Miroslav.Zima@uniag.sk

TRNAVSKÁ UNIVERZITA V TRNAVE (University of Trnava in Trnava)

Hornopotočná 23 - 918 43 Trnava - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 805/55 11 672 - Fax : +421 805/511 129

E.mail : Isoltés@truni.sk

ZILINSKÁ UNIVERZITA V ZILINE (University of Zilina in Zilina)

Moizesova 20 - 010 26 Zilina - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 89/622 758 - Fax : +421 89/477 02

E.mail : rektor@utcu.sk

TECHNICKÁ UNIVERZITA VO ZVOLENE (Technical University in Zvolen)

Masarykova 24 - 960 53 Zvolen - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 855/274 22 - Fax : +421 855/200 27

E.mail : rektor@vsld.tuzvo.sk

UNIVERZITA KONSTANTÍNA FILOZOFA V NITRE (University of Constantine Philosopher in Nitra)

Trieda A. Hlinku 1 - 949 74 Nitra - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 87/514 755-9 - Fax : +421 87/511 243

E.mail : rektor@ukf.sk

AKADÉMIA POLICAJNÉHO ZBORU (Police Academy)

Sklabinská 1 - 831 06 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 7/44 88 83 72 - Fax : +421 7/286 220

E.mail : chalka@minv.sk

VOJENSKÁ AKADÉMIA V LIPTOVSKOM MIKULÁSI (Military Academy in Liptovský Mikuláš)

Demánovská cesta, P.O.Box: 761 - 031 19 Liptovský Mikuláš - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 849/55 22 234-35 - Fax : +421 849/522 237

E.mail : rektor@valm.sk

PRESOVSKÁ UNIVERZITA (University of Presov)

Nám. legionárov 3 - 080 01 Presov - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 91/733 106, 733 260 - Fax : +421 91/732 054

E.mail : reckarol@unipo.sk

Rektor : PhDr. Karol Fec, CSc.

E.mail : feckarol@unipo.sk

VYSOKÁ SKOLA MUZICHÝCH UMENÍ V BRATISLAVE (Academy of Performing Arts in Bratislava)

Ventúrska 3 - 814 01 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 7/544 323 06 - Fax : +421 7/544 301 25

E.mail : rektor@netlab.sk

VYSOKÁ SKOLA VÝTVARNÝCH UMENÍ V BRATISLAVE (Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava)

Hviezdoslavovo nám. 18 - 814 37 Bratislava - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 7/544 322 51 - Fax : +421 7/533 23 40

E.mail : rektor@svvu.afad.sk

UNIVERZITA ST. CYRILA A METODA V TRNAVE (University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava)

Námestie J. Herdu 2 - 917 00 Trnava - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 805/5565 111 - Fax : +421 805/565 122

E.mail : podolak@ucm.sk

AKADEMIA UMENÍ V BANSKEJ BYSTRICI (Academy of Arts in Banská Bystrica)

Ul. J. Kollára 22 - 974 01 Banská Bystrica - Slovak Republic

Tel.: +421 88/743 302 - Fax : +421 88/743 305

E.mail : petrutova@aku.sk

VOJENSKÁ LETECKÁ AKADÉMIA GENERÁLA MILANA RATISLAVA STEFÁNKA V
KOSICIACH (General Miroslav Rastislav Stefanik Academy of Aviation in Kosice)
Rampová 7 - 041 21 Kosice - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 95/633 91 18 - Fax : +421 95/633 91 18
E.mail : rekor@vlake.army.sk

TRENCIANSKA UNIVERZITA V TRENCÍNE (University of Trenčín in Trenčín)
Studentská 2 - 911 50 Trenčín - Slovak Republic
Tel. : +421 831/400 503, 400 111 - Fax : +421 831/400 102
E.mail : plander@muni.sk

KATOLÍCKA UNIVERZITA V RUZOMBERKU (Catholic University in Ruzomberok)
Hrabovská cesta 1/1652
034 01 Ruzomberok
Slovak Republic
Tel.: 00421/848/432 27 09
Fax: 00431/848/432 27 08

VYSOKÁ SKOLA MANAZMENTU V TRENCINE (Academy of Management in Trencin)
Bezrucova 64
911 01 Trencin
Slovak Republic
Tel./Fax : 00421/831/(6) 529 337
E-mail : bozenka@cutn.sk

ii. In the case there is no higher education institution in Slovakia with the same or similar programme of study :

MINISTERSTVO SKOLSTVA SR (Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic)
Sekcia vysokých škôl - Stromova 1 - 815 30 Bratislava 1 - Slovak Republic
Tel.: +421 7/547 726 95 - Fax : +421 7/547 743 68
E.mail : mederlv@education.gov.sk

Slovenia

Referring to the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region, the Government of Slovenia declares that:

With regard to Article II.2

The authorities, which are competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases in the Republic of Slovenia are the following Higher Education Institutions:

- University of Ljubljana, Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana
- University of Maribor, Krekova ulica 2, 2000 Maribor
- School of Environmental Sciences, Vipavska 13, 5000 Nova Gorica
- Postgraduate School in Humanities, Bethovnova 2, 1000 Ljubljana
- College of Hotel and Travel Administration, Obala 29, 6320 Portoroz
- College of Management, Caniarjeva 5, 6000 Koper
- College of Global Entrepreneurship, Sencna pot 10, 6320 Portoroz
- College of Business and Management, Na Loki 2, 8000 Novo mesto.

With regard to the paragraph 1 of Article IX.2

The National Information centre of the Republic of Slovenia was established in 1997 at the Ministry of Education and Sport

Switzerland

Switzerland declares that it reserves the right to apply in part Article IV.8, in accordance with the provisions of Article XI.7

The Central Office of the Swiss Universities (SZfH)
National Recognition Information Centre (Swiss ENIC)
Sennweg 2
CH-3012 Bern
Tel.: +41 (0)31 306 60 33/32
Fax: +41 (0)31 302 68 11

provides all informations on the authorities competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases.

These informations are available on its web-site (*): <http://www.szfh.ch>

(*) Electronic address modified by a letter from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland, dated 29 August 2000, registered at the Secretariat General on 31 August 2000

Following a restructuring of the Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS), the Central Office of the Swiss Universities (COSU) has been dissolved and integrated into the Secretariat General of the Conference. Henceforth, the address of the National Information Center now reads as follows :

Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS)
Information Centre for questions concerning recognition / Swiss ENIC
Sennweg 2
CH-3012 Berne
Internet : <http://www.crus.ch>

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" the authorities competent to make different categories of decision in recognition cases are the Ministry of Education and Science of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" and Higher Education Institutions.

In accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention the function of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" information center is fulfilled by the:

Ministry of Education and Science of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Information Center ENIC
"Dimitrie Cuposki" str., No 9
1000 Skopje / "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Contact person: Nadezda Uzelac
Tel : ++ 389 2 106 523
Fax : ++ 389 2 117 631
E-mail : nimana@yahoo.com/ <http://www.mofk.ov.mk>

In accordance with Article X.3, the Information Center of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" is designated as a member of the European Network of National Information Centers on academic mobility and recognition (the ENIC Network)

Turkey

Reservation contained in a letter from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey, dated 13

February 2007, registered at the Secretariat General on 15 February 2007 - Or. Engl. - supplemented by a communication from the Permanent Representation of Turkey on 20 February 2007 - Or. Engl.

The Permanent Representation of Turkey declares that, due to an administrative oversight, the following reservation communicated to the Secretariat after the deposit of the instrument of ratification of the Convention is to be considered as being deposited simultaneously with the said instrument:

In accordance with Article XI.7 of the Convention, the Government of the Republic of Turkey does not bind itself with Article IV.8.

Period covered: 1/3/2007 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : XI.7

Declaration contained in a letter from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey, dated 13 February 2007, registered at the Secretariat General on 15 February 2007 - Or. Engl. - supplemented by a communication from the Permanent Representation of Turkey on 20 February 2007 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the Republic of Turkey declares that the authority which is competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases is :

The Council of Higher Education (YÖK)

Bilkent, Ankara 06539 TURKEY

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Fax: +90-312-266 51 53

Period covered: 1/3/2007 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : II.2

Declaration contained in a letter from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Turkey, dated 13 February 2007, registered at the Secretariat General on 15 February 2007 - Or. Engl. - supplemented by a communication from the Permanent Representation of Turkey on 20 February 2007 - Or. Engl.

In accordance with Article IX.2, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the Republic of Turkey declares that the national information centre, in its role as a European Network Information Centre, is:

ENIC/NARIC Turkey

The EU and International Relations Office (EUIRO)

The Council of Higher Education (YÖK)

Bilkent, Ankara 06539 TURKEY

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Period covered: 1/3/2007 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : IX.2

Ukraine

The Ukrainian authority competent to make different categories of decisions in recognition cases is the:

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

Main Department of International Co-operation

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Ukraine

Tel. : 38 (044) 216 22 35

Fax : 38 (044) 274 49 33

United Kingdom

The Government of the United Kingdom declares that the Convention shall apply to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to the Isle of Man

The Government of the United Kingdom declares that, in accordance with Article II.2 of the Convention, the competence to make recognition decisions lies with higher education institutions

In accordance with Article IX.2 of the Convention, the Government of the United Kingdom declares that the national information centre, in its role as a European Network Information Centre, is:

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