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# Protocol of Amendment

to the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals  
used for Experimental and Other Purposes

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**PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT TO THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF VERTEBRATE ANIMALS USED FOR  
EXPERIMENTAL AND OTHER PURPOSES**

The member States of the Council of Europe and the European Community, signatories to this Protocol to the European Convention for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes, opened for signature in Strasbourg, on 18 March 1986<sup>1</sup> (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”),

Having regard to the Convention which includes general provisions designed to safeguard animals intended to be used for scientific purposes from suffering, pain and distress, and to the member States' resolve to limit the use of animals for experimental and other scientific purposes, with the aim of replacing such use whenever possible, in particular by seeking alternative measures and encouraging the use of these alternative measures;

Considering the technical nature of the provisions included in the appendices to the Convention;

Acknowledging the need to ensure their consistency with the results of research in the fields covered,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Article 30 of the Convention shall be amended as follows:

“1 The Parties shall, within five years from the entry into force of this Convention and every five years thereafter, or more frequently if a majority of the Parties should so request, hold multilateral consultations within the Council of Europe to examine the application of this Convention, and the advisability of revising it or extending any of its provisions.

2 These consultations shall take place at meetings convened by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The Parties shall communicate the name of their representative to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe at least two months before each meeting.

3 Subject to the provisions of this Convention, the Parties shall draw up the rules of procedure for the consultations.”

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<sup>1</sup> Treaty Series No. 125 (2000) Cm 4906

## ARTICLE 2

The Convention shall be supplemented by a new Part XI: “Amendments” including a new Article 31 as follows:

“1 Any amendment to Appendices A and B, proposed by a Party or by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe shall be communicated to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and forwarded by him to the member States of the Council of Europe, to the European Community and to any non-member State which has acceded to, or has been invited to accede to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 34.

2 Any amendments proposed in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be examined, not less than six months after the date of forwarding by the Secretary General, at a multilateral consultation where it may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Parties. The text adopted shall be forwarded to the Parties.

3 Twelve months after its adoption at a multilateral consultation, any amendment shall enter into force unless one third of the Parties have notified objections.”

## ARTICLE 3

Articles 31 to 37 of the Convention shall become Articles 32 to 38 respectively.

## ARTICLE 4

1 This Protocol shall be open for signature by the Signatories to the Convention, which may become Parties to this Protocol 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.

2 A Signatory of the Convention may not sign this Protocol without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, nor deposit an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, unless it has already deposited or simultaneously deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Convention.

3 States which have acceded to the Convention may also accede to this Protocol.

4 The instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

## ARTICLE 5

This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date on which all the Parties to the Convention have become Parties to this Protocol in accordance with Article 4.

## ARTICLE 6

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council of Europe, the other Parties to the Convention and the European Community of:

- a any signature without reservation in respect of ratification, acceptance or approval;
- b any signature with reservation in respect of ratification, acceptance or approval;
- c any deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;
- d any date of entry into force of this Protocol in accordance with Article 5 thereof;
- e any other act, notification or communication relating to this Protocol.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Strasbourg, this 22nd day of June 1998, in English and in French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to each member State of the Council of Europe, to the other Parties to the Convention and to the European Community.

## RATIFICATIONS, ACCESSIONS, EFFECTIVE DATES AND DECLARATIONS

<i>State</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
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	Ratification	13 Nov 2002	02 Dec 2005
Bulgaria	Signature	21 May 2003	
	Ratification	20 Jul 2004	02 Dec 2005
Cyprus	Signature	18 Feb 1999	
	Ratification	09 Feb 2000	02 Dec 2005
Czech Republic	Signature	09 Nov 2000	
	Ratification	20 Mar 2003	02 Dec 2005
Denmark	Signature	26 Jun 1998	
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	Ratification	09 Jun 1999	02 Dec 2005
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	Ratification	05 Jun 2000	02 Dec 2005
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Sweden	Signature s	22 Jun 1998	
	Ratification	22 Jun 1998 s	02 Dec 2005
Switzerland	Signature	15 Mar 2000	
	Ratification	15 Mar 2000	02 Dec 2005
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Republic of Macedonia	Ratification	22 Jan 2004	02 Dec 2005
Turkey	Signature	04 Feb 2004	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Signature	08 Sep 1998	
	Ratification	17 Dec 1999	02 Dec 2005
European Community	Signature	02 Nov 2005	
	Ratification	02 Nov 2005	02 Dec 2005

s: Signature without reservation as to ratification

## DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

### **Denmark :**

Declaration contained in the instrument of approval transmitted to the Secretary General by the Permanent Representative of Denmark and registered at the Secretariat General on 9 July 2003 - Or. Engl.

The Government of Denmark declares that the Protocol shall not apply to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : -

### **Netherlands :**

Declaration contained in the instrument of acceptance deposited on 21 February 2000 - Or. Engl.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands accepts the said Protocol for the Kingdom in Europe.

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 35

### **United Kingdom :**

Declaration contained in the instrument of ratification, deposited on 17 December 1999 - Or. Engl.

The United Kingdom ratifies the Convention in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man, being a territory for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible.

Period covered: 1/7/2000 -

The preceding statement concerns Article(s) : 35



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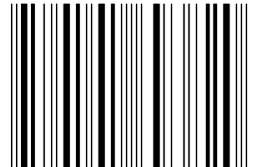
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