

ORAL QUESTION H-1079/05
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2005
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Council

Subject: Ratification of the Hague Convention

The Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children entered into force on 1 January 2002. It applies to 6 of the 25 Member States - those who ratified it before their accession to the Union.

On 22 October 2003, European Parliament adopted at first reading the report on the Commission proposal authorising the Member States to ratify that Convention in the interests of the European Community.
The legislative process is still unfinished.

Does the Council support the accession of the Member States to this Convention?

When might the Council complete its work thereon?

What impact has the postponing of this decision had on the credibility of the external dimension of the EU's Justice and Home Affairs policy, on the credibility of the EU Strategy to shape this policy and on the standing of the EU and Member States in the Hague Conference on International Private Law?

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