

COUNCIL OF EUROPE

COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

RECOMMENDATION No. R (87) 1

OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS TO MEMBER STATES

ON EUROPEAN INTER-STATE CO-OPERATION IN PENAL MATTERS

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 January 1987
at the 403rd meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members;

Recognising that over the past thirty years the Council of Europe has elaborated a comprehensive network of conventions on international co-operation in penal matters, complemented by a large number of recommendations, which together can be regarded as forming a body of European law on this matter;

Aware, however, that only some of these conventions, such as those on extradition and on mutual assistance in criminal matters, have been ratified so far by a large number of member states;

Recalling that international co-operation remains a prior condition for effectively combating crime, and that it is essential for such co-operation to be organised on the basis of the existing European conventions;

Having regard to Resolution No. 3 on international co-operation in penal matters between the member states of the Council of Europe, adopted by the ministers participating in the 15th Conference of European Ministers of Justice (Oslo, 1986),

Recommends that the governments of member states not yet having done so should ratify as soon as possible the main conventions on European inter-state co-operation in penal matters and the protocols thereto, to wit:

- European Convention on Extradition (13 December 1957);
- Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (15 October 1975);
- Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition (17 March 1978);
- European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (20 April 1959);
- Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (17 March 1978);
- Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Information on Foreign Law (15 March 1978);
- European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgments (28 May 1970);
- European Convention on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters (15 May 1972);
- European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism (27 January 1977);
- Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (21 March 1983).