



Recommendation 418 (1965)¹

Hague Convention concerning the powers of authorities and the law applicable in respect of the protection of infants

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Whereas the Hague Conference on Private International Law, at its 9th Session held in October 1960 under the auspices of the Netherlands Government, drafted a Convention concerning the powers of authorities and the law applicable in respect of the protection of infants ;
2. Whereas this Convention was, on 15th October 1961, opened for signature by the States represented at the 9th Session, these including all member States of the Council of Europe with the exception of Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland and Turkey;
3. Considering that this Convention is designed to replace the Hague Convention of 1902 on the guardianship of infants;
4. Considering that the purpose of this Convention is to ensure the adequate protection of children who do not enjoy the normal protection of their parents;
5. Having regard to the fact that only five member States of the Council of Europe (France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland) have, so far, signed this Convention;
6. Having noted the contents of the report of its Legal Committee ([Doc. 1860](#)), and expressing the hope that the Governments of Belgium and the United Kingdom, which participated in the preparation of this Convention, but abstained in the final vote, and those of Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland and Turkey, which were not represented at the Conference, may find it possible to adhere thereto,

Recommends the Committee of Ministers :

7. to recommend, in accordance with Article 15 (b) of the Statute, that member Governments which were represented at the 9th Session of the Hague Conference, and have not already done so, sign and ratify the Hague Convention concerning the powers of authorities and the law applicable in the protection of infants ;
8. to recommend, in accordance with Article 15 (b) of the Statute, that the Governments of Belgium and the United Kingdom, which abstained in the final vote, and those of Cyprus, Iceland, Ireland and Turkey, which were not represented at the Conference, should accede thereto ;
9. to inform the Assembly in due course, in accordance with Article 19 of the Statute, of the action taken on this Recommendation.

1. Assembly debate on 28th January 1965 (23rd Sitting) (see [Doc. 1860](#), report of the Legal Committee). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28th January 1965 (23rd Sitting), as amended.

