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RECOGNITION OF UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS.¹
DONE AT PARIS, ON 14 DECEMBER 1959

The Governments signatory hereto, being Members of the Council of Europe,
Having regard to the European Cultural Convention, signed in Paris on 19th
December 1954 ;²

Having regard to the European Convention on the Equivalence of Diplomas
leading to admission to Universities, signed in Paris on 11th December 1953 ;³

Having regard to the European Convention on the Equivalence of Periods of
University Study, signed in Paris on 15th December 1956 ;⁴

Considering the desirability of supplementing those Conventions by providing for
the academic recognition of university qualifications obtained abroad,

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

For the purpose of the present Convention :

(a) the term "universities" shall denote

- (i) universities, and
- (ii) institutions regarded as being of university level by the Contracting Party in
whose territory they are situated and having the right to confer qualifications of
university level ;

¹ In accordance with article 10 (2), the Convention came into force on 27 November 1961,
one month after the date of deposit of the third instrument of ratification. Following is the list
of States which deposited their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General of the
Council of Europe, indicating the respective dates of deposit and of the entry into force of the
Convention :

	<i>Date of deposit</i>		<i>Date of entry into force</i>
Austria	6 December	1960	27 November 1961
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*	13 February	1961	27 November 1961
Denmark	26 October	1961	27 November 1961
Netherlands (for the Kingdom in Europe)	26 April	1962	27 May 1962

* By a notification received on 30 August 1961, the Government of the United Kingdom
declared that the Convention shall apply to the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

²United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 218, p. 139 ; Vol. 233, p. 384 ; Vol. 228, p. 372 ; Vol. 358,
p. 285, and Vol. 420, p. 347.

³United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 218, p. 125 ; Vol. 253, p. 367 ; Vol. 358, p. 284 ; Vol. 363,
p. 406, and Vol. 424, p. 351.

⁴United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 278, p. 73 ; Vol. 286, p. 396 ; Vol. 355, p. 414, and
Vol. 376, p. 453.

(b) the term "university qualification" shall denote any degree, diploma or certificate awarded by a university situated in the territory of a Contracting Party and marking the completion of a period of university study ;

(c) degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded on the results of a part-examination shall not be regarded as university qualifications within the meaning of sub-paragraph (b) of the present Article.

Article 2

1. For the purpose of the present Convention, Contracting Parties shall be divided into categories according to whether the authority competent in their territory to deal with matters pertaining to the equivalence of university qualifications is :

(a) the State ;

(b) the university ;

(c) the State or the university, as the case may be.

2. Each Contracting Party shall, within one year of the coming into force of the present Convention in respect of itself, inform the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe which is the authority competent in its territory to deal with matters pertaining to the equivalence of university qualifications.

Article 3

1. Contracting Parties falling within category (a) in paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the present Convention shall grant academic recognition to university qualifications conferred by a university situated in the territory of another Contracting Party.

2. Such academic recognition of a foreign university qualification shall entitle the holder :

(a) to pursue further university studies and sit for academic examination on completion of such studies with a view to proceeding to a further degree, including that of a doctorate, on the same conditions as those applicable to nationals of the Contracting Party, where admission to such studies and examinations depends upon the possession of a similar national university qualification ;

(b) to use an academic title conferred by a foreign university, accompanied by an indication of its origin.

Article 4

In respect of sub-paragraph 2 (a) of Article 3 of the present Convention, each Contracting Party may :

(a) in cases where the examination requirements for a foreign university qualification do not include certain subjects prescribed for the similar national qualification, withhold recognition until a supplementary examination has been passed in the subjects in question ;

(b) require holders of a foreign university qualification to pass a test in its official language, or one of its official languages, in the event of their studies having been pursued in another language.

Article 5

Contracting Parties falling within category (b) in paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the present Convention shall transmit the text of the Convention to the authorities competent in their territory to deal with matters pertaining to the equivalence of university qualifications and shall encourage the favourable consideration and application by them of the principles set out in Articles 3 and 4 thereof.

Article 6

Contracting Parties falling within category (c) in paragraph 2 of the present Convention shall apply the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 thereof where the State is the authority competent to deal with the equivalence of university qualifications and shall apply the provisions of Article 5 thereof where the State is not the competent authority in these matters.

Article 7

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe may from time to time request Contracting Parties to furnish a written statement on the measures and decisions taken with a view to implementing the provisions of the present Convention.

Article 8

The Secretary-General of the Council of Europe shall communicate to the other Contracting Parties the information received from each of them in accordance with Articles 2 and 7 of the present Convention and shall keep the Committee of Ministers informed of the progress made in the implementation of the present Convention.

Article 9

Nothing in the present Convention shall be deemed :

(a) to affect any more favourable provisions concerning the recognition of foreign university qualifications contained in an existing convention to which a