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Reservations made upon Ratification

Réserves faites lors de la Ratification

SPAIN

ESPAGNE

[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

- Spain reserves the right not to recognise the obligation, laid down in paragraph 1 of Article 6, of informing the consular officers if the person concerned, after having been informed without delay of his or her rights, does not request it ; Spain also reserves the right not to allow the visiting rights provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 6, if the person concerned is opposed to them.
- Spain reserves the right not to give effect, on its territory, to drawn up documents of civil status by consular officers, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 13.

[FRENCH TEXT – TEXTE FRANÇAIS]

- L'Espagne se réserve le droit de ne pas accepter l'obligation, prévue à l'Article 6, paragraphe 1 d'informer les fonctionnaires consulaires si l'intéressé, après avoir été informé sans délai de ses droits, ne le demande pas ; elle se réserve également le droit de ne pas accepter l'exercice du droit de visite auquel se réfèrent les paragraphes 2 et 3 de l'Article 6, quand l'intéressé s'y oppose.
- L'Espagne se réserve le droit de ne pas donner effet, sur son territoire aux actes d'état civil dressés par les fonctionnaires consulaires en vertu de l'Article 13, paragraphe 1er, alinéa a.

[SPANISH TEXT – TEXTE ESPAGNOL]

“España se reserva el derecho a no reconocer la obligación de informar a los funcionarios consulares prevista en el párrafo 1 del artículo 6 si el interesado, después de habersele informado sin demora de sus derechos, no lo solicita; y no permitir el ejercicio del derecho de visita a que se refieren los párrafos 2 y 3 del artículo 6, a menos que el interesado no se oponga a ello.”

“España se reserva el derecho a no reconocer que tengan efectos, en su territorio, las actas del estado civil extendidas por los funcionarios consulares con arreglo al apartado a) del párrafo 1.º del artículo 13.”

[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

**EUROPEAN CONVENTION
ON CONSULAR FUNCTIONS**

Preamble

The member States of the Council of Europe, signatory hereto,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve greater unity between its members, in order to protect and promote the ideals and principles that are their common heritage and to facilitate their economic and social progress, and that this aim can in particular be attained by the conclusion of international conventions;

Taking note of the fact that consular relations, privileges and immunities are dealt with in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations signed on 24th April 1963, and in other conventions;

Being convinced that the conclusion of a European Convention on Consular Functions will further the process of European unification and co-operation;

Affirming that the questions not regulated by the present Convention continue to be governed by customary international law;

Whereas it has been found possible to establish special rules in this field, concerning the consular officers of the Contracting Parties, solely by virtue of the close co-operation between them,

Have agreed as follows:

Chapter I – Definitions

Article 1

For the purposes of the present Convention,

- a “consular officer” means any person entrusted by the sending State with, and admitted by the receiving State to, the exercise of consular functions;
- b “sending State” means the Contracting Party by whom a consular officer is appointed;
- c “receiving State” means a Contracting Party within whose territory a consular officer performs his functions;
- d “national” means, in relation to the sending State, any person who is regarded as a national by the law of that State, including, where the context so permits, any legal person;
- e “consular post” means any consulate-general, consulate, vice-consulate or consular agency;
- f “consular district” means the area assigned to a consular post for the exercise of consular functions;