

State of signatures and ratifications on 1.6.1997: European Convention on Transfrontier Television European Convention on cinematographic co- production European Convention relating to questions on copyright law and neighbouring rights in the framework of transfrontier broadcasting by satellite

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In IRIS 1997-5: 7 we reported on the state of signature and ratification of all European Conventions and other international treaties of relevance to the audiovisual sector.

Since then the following changes have taken place: Bulgaria has signed the European Convention on Transfrontier Television (20 May 1997). The Convention came into force in Slovakia on 1 May 1997.

The European Convention on cinematographic co-production came into force in the Czech Republic and Italy on 1 June 1997, and in Portugal on 1 April 1997. Estonia ratified the Convention on 29 May; it will therefore come into force on 1 September 1997. Iceland signed the Convention on 30 May 1997 without reservation concerning ratification; it will therefore come into force also on 1 September 1997.

Lastly, Germany signed the European Convention relating to questions on copyright law and neighbouring rights in the framework of transfrontier broadcasting by satellite on 18 April 1997.

