

WRITTEN QUESTION P-5554/07
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to the Commission

Subject: UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

With Decision 2006/515/EC¹ of 18 May 2006, the Council adopted the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

This convention establishes the parties' right to adopt 'measures aimed at providing domestic independent cultural industries and activities in the informal sector effective access to the means of production, dissemination and distribution of cultural activities, goods and services' (Article 6(2)(c)).

1. Has this convention become part of Community law through the Council decision?
2. If so, is this legislation applicable only with regard to third countries, or is it also applicable with regard to Member States and in bilateral relations between Member States?
3. If the Council decision has not become Community law or is not binding among the Member States, what legal status do the national ratifications of the UNESCO Convention have in relation to Community law and in relation to the other EU Member States that have ratified the UNESCO Convention?
4. If this convention has become Community law through the Council decision, what specific form does this legal tie take in decisions within the Community, with particular regard to Article 151 of the EC Treaty?

¹ OJ L 201, 25.7.2006, p. 15.