

# New Lugano Convention Signed

According to a [statement](#) by the Portuguese Presidency, and a [press release](#) by the European Commission (DG Freedom, Security and Justice), **the new Lugano Convention** on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters **was signed by the EC, Denmark and the three EFTA States** which are party to the old Lugano Convention (Switzerland, Norway and Iceland) **in a ceremony held on 30 October 2007 in Lugano**. The text was signed on behalf of the European Community by *Alberto Costa*, Portuguese Minister of Justice.

On the negotiating process of the convention, and the Council's decision on its signing on behalf of the Community, see our previous posts [here](#) and [here](#). The text of the new convention is attached to the [Council's decision](#): pursuant to Art. 300(2) of the EC Treaty, it is subject to its possible conclusion, by another Council's decision, at a later date.

According to Art. 73 of the convention, the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the [Swiss Federal Council](#), which shall act as Depositary. The convention will enter into force on the first day of the sixth month following the date on which the European Community and a Member of the European Free Trade Association deposit their instruments of ratification.

On the **jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice** for the interpretation of the provisions of the convention, which becomes part of Community rules, see Protocol no. 2 annexed to the convention, which sets up also a [system of exchange of information](#) similar to the one adopted for the 1988 Lugano convention. See also the Swiss Federal Council's [website](#) for the annual reports on national case law relating to the old Lugano convention.