

UK notifies that it considers the Brussels and Rome Convention to no longer apply to it

Steve Peers (University of Essex) has just published a series of Brexit-related documents on Twitter, two of which appear to confirm that by leaving the European Union, the UK also (believes to have) ceased to be a party to the 1968 Brussels Convention and the 1980 Rome Convention - which many have argued might revive between the UK and those EU Member States who are parties to them.

The two letters, sent by the UK Government to the Council of the EU, both contain the following paragraph:

The Government of the United Kingdom hereby notifies the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union that it considers that the [Brussels Convention] / [Rome Convention] ceased to apply to the United Kingdom and Gibraltar from 1 January 2021, as a consequence of the United Kingdom ceasing to be a Member State of the European Union and of the end of the Transition Period.