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# EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON NATIONALITY

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## Preamble

Desiring to reaffirm the principles of the Charter of the Council of Europe and the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Rights of Nationality;  
Being aware of the importance of the Convention for the stability and the development of the States of Europe;  
Recognizing that the Convention is necessary for the purpose of the implementation of the Charter of the Council of Europe and the Declaration of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Rights of Nationality;  
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## Chapter I – General matters

### Article 1 – Object of the Convention

The Convention shall have the object of defining the conditions in which a person acquires or loses his nationality.

### Article 2 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Convention:

- a. "nationality" means the legal bond which connects a person with the State to which he owes allegiance;
- b. "foreign nationality" means the nationality of a person who is not a national of the State to which he is referred.

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## Chapter II – General principles relating to nationality

### Article 3 – Competence of the State

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- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Article 4 – Principles

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- b \_\_\_\_\_
- c \_\_\_\_\_
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### Article 5 – Non-discrimination

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter III – Rules relating to nationality

### Article 6 – Acquisition of nationality

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ *ex lege* \_\_\_\_\_

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- b

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- a *ex lege*
- b

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**Article 7 – Loss of nationality *ex lege* or at the initiative of a State Party**

1 *ex lege*

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- b
- c
- d
- e
- f *ex lege*
- g

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### **Article 8 – Loss of nationality at the initiative of the individual**

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### **Article 9 – Recovery of nationality**

## **Chapter IV – Procedures relating to nationality**

### **Article 10 – Processing of applications**

### **Article 11 – Decisions**

**Article 12 – Right to a review**

**Article 13 – Fees**

- 1
- 2

**Chapter V – Multiple nationality**

**Article 14 – Cases of multiple nationality *ex lege***

- 1
  - a
  - b
- 2

**Article 15 – Other possible cases of multiple nationality**

- a
- b

**Article 16 – Conservation of previous nationality**

**Article 17 – Rights and duties related to multiple nationality**

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- 2

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## Chapter VI – State succession and nationality

### Article 18 – Principles

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### Article 19 – Settlement by international agreement

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### Article 20 – Principles concerning non-nationals

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**Chapter VII – Military obligations in cases of multiple nationality**

**Article 21 – Fulfilment of military obligations**

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**Article 22 – Exemption from military obligations or alternative civil service**

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**Chapter VIII – Co-operation between the States Parties**

**Article 23 – Co-operation between the States Parties**

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**Article 24 – Exchange of information**

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## Chapter IX – Application of the Convention

### Article 25 – Declarations concerning the application of the Convention

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- 2
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### Article 26 – Effects of this Convention

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- 2
  - a
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## Chapter X – Final clauses

### Article 27 – Signature and entry into force

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  - a
  - b

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**Article 28 – Accession**

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**Article 29 – Reservations**

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**Article 30 – Territorial application**

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**Article 31 – Denunciation**

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**Article 32 – Notifications by the Secretary General**

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