



NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Andorra to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in Vienna presents its compliments to all other Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre, and has the honour to convey the Principality of Andorra's response to the Questionnaire on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security in accordance with FSC Decision 4/03.

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Andorra to the OSCE avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Missions and Delegations to the OSCE and to the Conflict Prevention Centre the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 6 June 2008

To: All Missions and Delegations to the OSCE
Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)
Vienna

Principality of Andorra

1. Appropriate measures to prevent and combat terrorism, in particular participation in international agreements to that end (Paragraph 6):

(a) List of international agreements, including all United Nations conventions and protocols related to terrorism, to which the participating State is a party;

- UN Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft (The Hague, 16 December 1970) Deposit of adhesion instrument to Russian Government: 23-09-04, Deposit of instrument to United States Government: 06-10-04, Deposit of instrument to United Kingdom Government: 24-09-04, entered into force on 05 November 2004.

- UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents (New York, 14 December 1973) accession by Andorra on 23 September 2004.

- UN International Convention Against the Tacking of Hostages (New York, 17 December 1979) accession by Andorra on 23 September 2004.

UN International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings (New York, 15 December 1997) accession by Andorra on 23 October 2004.

- UN International Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation, (Montreal, 23 September 1971). Accession by Andorra on 22 May (Washington), 22 June (Moscow) and 30 June (London) 2006, entered into force on 21 June 2006.

- UN International Convention on the suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at airports Serving International Civil Aviation, supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (Montreal, 24 February 1988). Accession by Andorra on 22 May (Washington), 22 June (Moscow) and 30 June (London) 2006, entered into force on 21 June 2006.

- UN International Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (Vienna, 3 March 1980). Accession by Andorra on 27 June 2006, entered into force on 27 July 2006.

- UN International Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection (Montreal, 1 March 1991). Accession by Andorra on 17 May 2006, entered into force on 16 July 2006.

- UN International Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft (Tokyo, 14 December 1963). Accession by Andorra on 17 May 2006, entered into force on 15 August 2006.

- UN International Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (Rome, 10 March 1988). Accession by Andorra on 17 July 2006, entered into force on 15 October 2006.

- UN International Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf (Rome, 10 March 1988). Accession by Andorra on 17 July 2006, entered into force on 15 October 2006.

- UN International Convention on Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (New York, 9 December 1999) signed by Andorra on 10 November 2001.

- UN International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism (New York, 13 April 2005) signed by Andorra on 11 May 2006.

- UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (New York, 15 November 2000) signed by Andorra on 10 November 2001.

- European Convention on Suppression of terrorism (Strasbourg, 27 January 1977) signed by Andorra on 8 November 2001.

- Protocol Amending the European Convention on Suppression of Terrorism (Strasbourg, 15 Mai 2003) signed on 15 May 2003.

- Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism, opened for signature on the 16 of May 2005, signed on the 17 of November 2005, and will enter into force on 1st September 2008.

(b) Accession to and participation in other multilateral and bilateral agreements or measures undertaken to prevent and combat terrorist activities;

- Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the proceeds from Crime (Strasburg, 8 November 1990), entered into force on 1 November 1999.

- European Convention on Extradition, entered into force on 11 January 2001.

- Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Extradition, entered into force on 11 January 2001.

- Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (London Moscow and Washington, 1 July 1968) entered into force on 2 July 1996.

- Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction (Oslo, 18 September 1997) entered into force on 1 March 1999.

- Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (New York, 10 September 1996) internal process of ratification finished on 10 March 2006. Ratification by Andorra on 12 July 2006.

- Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement between the Principality of Andorra and the Agency pursuant to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, the Protocol Additional to this Agreement and the Small Quantities Protocol all signed on 9 January 2001.

- Group of States against Corruption from the Council of Europe (GRECO), accession by Andorra on 26 January 2005.

- Criminal Law Convention on corruption, opened for signature on 27 January 1999 in Strasbourg, signed by Andorra on 8 November 2001 and will enter into force on 1st September 2008.

- Civil Law Convention on corruption, opened for signature on 4 November 1999 in Strasbourg, signed by Andorra on 8 November 2001.

- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (Geneva, 3 September 1992) entered into force on 29 March 2003.

-European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, opened for signature on 20 of April 1959. Entered into force on 25 of July 2005.

(c) **National measures, to include pertinent legislation, taken to implement the international agreements, conventions and protocols cited above;**

Some Agreements are under study.

Publication in BOPA

According to Article 3.4 of the Constitution of the Principality of Andorra, the treaties and international agreements enter in force in the legal system from the moment of their publication in the BOPA (Official Bulletin of the Principality of Andorra) and cannot be amended or repealed by law.

Criminal Code

The Government of the Principality of Andorra adopted a new Criminal Code on 21 February 2005, concretising new dispositions for combating and preventing terrorism.

The new Criminal Code includes all penal measures contained in the antiterrorist conventions and treaties currently in force. A new chapter entitled "Terrorist crimes" has been introduced defining the terms of terrorist groups and terrorist activities and criminalizing them from 20 to 30 years. The new Code also criminalizes persons belonging to and/or collaborating with a terrorist group and all other crimes that could have terrorist implications. The Code refers to terrorism in the following articles:

- 362: Definition of terrorism
- 363: Penalty
- 364: Offences with a terrorist purpose
- 365: Active involvement in a terrorist group
- 366: Collaboration with a terrorist group
- 367: Importance of repentance
- 409: Money and values laundering
- 410: Type qualified (aggravating)

Prevention of the Money Laundering

A law related to International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Prevention of the Money Laundering and Securities Constituting the Proceeds of International Crime entered into force on 29 December 2000, and its regulation on 22 August 2002. This law provides that the persons under obligation of the law must maintain special vigilance over all operations, whether suspicious or not, when they are presented under complex or unusual conditions and seem to have no economic justification or legal purpose, in particular transactions likely to involve money-laundering and those requiring special monitoring according to the non-restrictive official communications issued by the Andorran Money-Laundering Prevention Unit.

A Decree to regulate the international cooperation in the field of criminal law, combating money laundering and securities constituting the proceeds of crime was adopted on 31 July 2002. The Decree also established by law the Money Laundering Prevention Unit (although the Unit existed since 2000), specified its mandate and functions. The main task of the Unit is to promote and coordinate measures to prevent the money laundering.

Currently there is under parliamentary discussion an additional law, to “International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Prevention of the Money Laundering and Securities Constituting the Proceeds of International Crime” that will extend the tasks and power of the Money Laundering Prevention Unit, providing the Unit with the necessary tools and measures to combat more efficiently the financing of terrorism and the money laundering.

- d) Information on national efforts to prevent and combat terrorism, including appropriate information on legislation beyond United Nations conventions and protocols (e.g., pertaining to financing of terrorist groups);**

Money Laundering Prevention Unit

The Principality of Andorra has its own Money Laundering Prevention Unit (Unitat de Prevenció del Blanqueig) since 29 December 2000, which participates in experts’ committees against money laundering, organised crime networks of the United Nations and the Council of Europe (Moneyval, PC-R-EV), and co-operates bilaterally with other countries Money Laundering Prevention Units.

Standing Committee on the Prevention of Money-Laundering and Financing of Terrorism

A Decree on the establishment and tasks of the Standing Committee on the Prevention of Money-Laundering and Financing of Terrorism has been adopted on 13 February 2008. The Standing Committee aims at improving coordination among all organizations and Ministries involved, giving an integral approach to this matter.

Coordination and Cooperation between departments

In addition, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Andorra transmits the lists of individuals and entities as established and maintained by the Committee established by UNSCR 1267(1999) and by the Counter-Terrorism Committee established by UNSCR 1373(2001) to the Ministry of the Interior and to the Money-Laundering Prevention Unit. The Ministry of Interior transmits the lists emitted by the UN Resolutions to the

Immigration Department and to the Police Department. The Money-Laundering Prevention Unit -within the legal framework of the jurisdiction which is allotted to him by the article 53 of the Law relating to International Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Prevention of the Money Laundering and Securities Constituting the Proceeds of International Crime-, emits technical official communications, taking again the lists of the physical people and corporate entities which are likely to be directly or indirectly dependent on international terrorist groups. In compliance with the article 94 of the Andorran Constitution, the Judges and the Attorney General have the direction of the actions of the Police in judicial matters as established by the Law.

3. Description of

- (a) constitutionally established procedures ensuring effective democratic control of the military, paramilitary, and internal security forces, as well as intelligence services, and the police;**

The Principality of Andorra has no armed forces, paramilitary forces, internal security forces or intelligence services. Andorra has a police force adscript to the Ministry of Justice and Internal Affairs. Its activities are regulated by the current legislative Police Law qualify approved on 27 May 2004. Its task is to provide protection and guarantee the citizens rights and freedoms by the concept of public security in order to maintain peace and public tranquillity.

7. Any other information.

Regarding questions 1 (e), 2, 3 (b), (c), (d), and 4 to 6 please note that the Principality of Andorra has no armed forces, paramilitary forces, internal security forces or intelligence services. Therefore the above questions of the questionnaire can not be answered.