

# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS: PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 2005 TO 31ST MARCH 2006**

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**Presented to the States on 1st October 2007  
by the Chief Minister**

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**Part One: Reports submitted on international treaties**

1. International Labour Organisation – Article 22 Reports
2. Reports submitted for other conventions

**Part Two: New Matters referred to the Island Authorities**

1. Council of Europe European Landscape Convention

**Part Three: Matters referred to in earlier reports**

1. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC)
2. United Nations Convention against Corruption
3. United Nations Convention against Torture – Optional Protocol

**Part Four: Matters where a decision regarding a convention has been made by the Island Authorities**

No decisions regarding the extension of a convention or protocol have been made during this period.

**Part Five: Confirmation of ratification of earlier matters referred to in earlier reports**

The Island Authorities did not receive any confirmation of ratifications during this period.

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This report contains a list of international treaties, conventions and agreements that have been referred formally to the Island Authorities during the period of 1st October 2005 to 31st March 2006.

**Note:** As a result of an administrative error this report was not forwarded to the States Greffe for presentation to the States after its approval by the Chief Minister on 10th May 2006. It is being presented in 2007 to rectify the oversight.

## **PART ONE:**

### **REPORTS SUBMITTED ON INTERNATIONAL TREATIES, CONVENTIONS AND AGREEMENTS**

#### **1. International Labour Organisation – Article 22 Reports**

The Island is party to a number of Conventions under the auspices of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). Each year, the United Kingdom is required under Article 22 of the ILO Constitution to submit reports on the application of various ratified Conventions, some of which have been extended to the Channel Islands. The Island authorities are required to provide information on those reports which extend to the Island.

##### **Article 22 Reports**

The Island authorities were not asked to produce any Article 22 Reports during this period.

#### **2. Reports submitted for other conventions**

1. U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
2. Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (EUROBATS).

## **PART TWO:**

### **NEW MATTERS REFERRED TO THE ISLAND AUTHORITIES**

#### **1. Council of Europe European Landscape Convention**

**Purpose:** To ensure that the importance of landscape is recognised formally via a whole territory, rather than a special areas approach. The Convention aims to ensure the proper protection, management and planning of landscapes across Europe and aims to bring all countries up to the standard of best. It includes general and specific measures to be taken by signatories. The Convention covers all landscapes of whatever quality, whether rural or urban, built or natural.

**Action:** The Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA) has written to the Island Authorities to ask them if they would wish to be included in the U.K.'s ratification of the Convention and, if yes, to confirm that the necessary legislation is in place to implement the Convention in the Bailiwick.

The Island Authorities have informed the DCA that consideration of the matter is proceeding and that they would revert to the DCA with a substantive response in due course.

## **PART THREE:**

### **MATTERS REFERRED TO IN EARLIER REPORTS – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **1. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC)**

**Purpose:** To promote international co-operation to prevent and combat transnational organised crime.

**Action:** The DCA informed the Island Authorities that it would soon be ratifying the Convention along with two of its three Protocols, on the Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants. The DCA also asked the Island Authorities if they would wish to be included in the U.K.'s ratification of the Convention and, if yes, to confirm that the necessary legislation is in place to implement the Convention in the Bailiwick.

The Island Authorities have informed the DCA that consideration of the matter is ongoing and that they will send a further response in due course.

#### **2. United Nations Convention against Corruption**

**Purpose:** To promote and strengthen measures to prevent and combat corruption more effectively; to promote, facilitate and support international cooperation and technical assistance in the prevention of and fight against corruption, including in asset recovery; and to promote integrity, accountability and proper management of public affairs and public property.

**Action:** The DCA informed the Island Authorities that the U.K. ratified the Convention on 9th December 2003 and asked if they would wish for the Convention to be extended to the Island. The Island Authorities have informed the DCA that it is still their intention to ask for the Convention to be extended in due course and that the Law Officers' Department was in the process of reviewing the provisions of the new Corruption (Jersey) Law 200- (adopted by the States on 25th October 2005) in order to assess whether it would enable full implementation of the Convention. It is hoped that the Island Authorities will be in a position to request extension of the Convention later in 2006.

#### **3. Optional Protocol to the U.N. Convention against Torture**

**Purpose:** The objective of the Protocol is to establish a system of regular visits undertaken by independent international and national bodies to places where people are deprived of their liberty, in order to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

**Action:** The Island Authorities were invited to consider whether the Optional Protocol should be extended to Jersey. The Island Authorities have informed the DCA that the matter is presently under consideration and that a response will be given in due course.

**PART FOUR:**

**MATTERS WHERE A DECISION REGARDING A CONVENTION HAS BEEN MADE BY THE  
ISLAND AUTHORITIES**

No decisions regarding the extension of conventions were made during this period.

**PART FIVE:**

**CONFIRMATION OF RATIFICATION OF EARLIER MATTERS REFERRED TO IN EARLIER  
REPORTS**

The Island Authorities did not receive any confirmation of ratifications during this period.