

3. Should two or more Contracting States, however, have already established their relations in this matter on the basis of uniform legislation or instituted a special system of their own, or should they in future do so, they shall be entitled to regulate those relations accordingly, notwithstanding the terms of this Convention.

4. Contracting States ceasing to apply the terms of this Convention to their mutual relations in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall notify the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to that effect.

Article 44

The European Committee on Crime Problems of the Council of Europe shall be kept informed regarding the application of this Convention and shall do whatever is needful to facilitate a friendly settlement of any difficulty which may arise out of its execution.

Article 45

1. This Convention shall remain in force indefinitely.

2. Any Contracting State may, insofar as it is concerned, denounce this Convention by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

3. Such denunciation shall take effect six months after the date of receipt by the Secretary General of such notification.

Article 46

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council and any State which has acceded to this Convention of:

- (a) any signature;
- (b) any deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession;
- (c) any date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Article 38 thereof;
- (d) any declaration received in pursuance of the provisions of Article 9, paragraph 3;
- (e) any declaration received in pursuance of the provisions of Article 13, paragraph 3;
- (f) any declaration received in pursuance of the provisions of Article 18, paragraph 2;
- (g) any declaration received in pursuance of the provisions of Article 40, paragraphs 2 and 3;

3. Såfremt to eller flere kontraherende stater allerede har reguleret deres indbyrdes forhold på dette område på grundlag af ensartet lovgivning eller ved en særlig ordning eller skulle de i fremtiden gøre dette, er de dog berettiget til at regulere deres indbyrdes forhold på dette grundlag uden hensyntagen til bestemmelserne i denne konvention.

4. Kontraherende stater, der ophører med at anvende konventionens bestemmelser på deres indbyrdes forhold i henhold til stk. 3, skal underrette Det europæiske Råds generalsekretær herom.

Artikel 44

Den europæiske kriminalkomité skal holdes underrettet om denne konventions anvendelse og skal efter behov medvirke til en fredelig løsning af enhver vanskelighed, der måtte opstå i forbindelse med dens virke.

Artikel 45

1. Denne konvention gælder uden tidsbegrænsning.

2. Enhver kontraherende stat kan for sit eget vedkommende opsig denne konvention ved en meddelelse til Det europæiske Råds generalsekretær.

3. Opsigelsen træder i kraft 6 måneder efter datoen for generalsekretærens modtagelse af meddelelsen.

Artikel 46

Det europæiske Råds generalsekretær skal underrette Rådets medlemsstater samt enhver stat, som har tiltrådt denne konvention, om:

- a) enhver undertegnelse;
- b) enhver deponering af et ratifikations-, godkendelses- eller tiltrædelsesdokument;
- c) enhver ikrafttræden af denne konvention i medfør af artikel 38;
- d) enhver erklæring modtaget i henhold til artikel 9, stk. 3;
- e) enhver erklæring modtaget i henhold til artikel 13, stk. 3;
- f) enhver erklæring modtaget i henhold til artikel 18, stk. 2;
- g) enhver erklæring modtaget i henhold til artikel 40, stk. 2 og 3;