

## CONVENTION ON THE TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS

The member States of the Council of Europe and the other States, signatory hereto.

CONSIDERING that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its Members;

DESIROUS of further developing international co-operation in the field of criminal law;

CONSIDERING that such co-operation should further the ends of justice and the social rehabilitation of sentenced persons;

CONSIDERING that these objectives require that foreigners who are deprived of their liberty as a result of their commission of a criminal offence should be given the opportunity to serve their sentences within their own society; and

CONSIDERING that this aim can best be achieved by having them transferred to their own countries.

HAVE AGREED as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### *Definitions*

For the purposes of this Convention:

- (a) "sentence" means any punishment or measure involving deprivation of liberty ordered by a court for a limited or unlimited period of time on account of a criminal offence;
- (b) "judgment" means a decision or order of a court imposing a sentence;
- (c) "sentencing State" means the State in which the sentence was imposed on the person who may be, or has been, transferred;
- (d) "administering State" means the State to which the sentenced person may be, or has been, transferred in order to serve his sentence.

### ARTICLE II

#### *General principles*

1. The Parties undertake to afford each other the widest measure of co-operation in respect of the transfer of sentenced persons in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.