L.N. 131 of 2000

CHILD ABDUCTION AND CUSTODY ACT (CAP. 410)

European Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on the Restoration of Custody of Children Order, 2000

IN exercise of the powers conferred by subarticle (1) of article 15 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act, 1999, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has made the following order:-

Citation.

1. The title of this Order is the European Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on the Restoration of Custody of Children Order, 2000.

Designated Countries.

2. (a) The countries specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby specified for the purposes of article 15 of the Child Abduction and Custody Act.

(b) The date specified in the Schedule hereto with respect to each country specified therein shall be the date on which the European Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning Custody of Children and on the Restoration of Custody of Children which was signed in Luxembourg on the 20th May, 1980 has come into force between Malta and that country.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

Country	**Date of commencement**
Austria	1st February 2000
Belgium	1st February 2000
Cyprus	1st February 2000
Denmark	1st February 2000
Finland	1st February 2000
France	1st February 2000
Germany	1st February 2000
Greece	1st February 2000
Iceland	1st February 2000
Ireland	1st February 2000
Italy	1st February 2000
Liechtenstein	1st February 2000
Luxembourg	1st February 2000
Netherlands	1st February 2000
Norway	1st February 2000
Poland	1st February 2000
Portugal	1st February 2000
Spain	1st February 2000
Sweden	1st February 2000
Switzerland	1st February 2000
United Kingdom	1st February 2000