

International law & European nationality laws

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Presentation outline

1. Nature and instruments of international law on nationality

'Each State shall determine under its own law who are its nationals. This law shall be accepted by other states in so far as it is consistent with applicable international conventions, customary international law and the principles of law generally recognized with regard to nationality law.' (The Hague Convention 1930, Art. 1)

2. 5 years after NATAC

'[The European Convention on Nationality] has already had a considerable impact on the nationality laws of the states in our sample.' (NATAC)

- Impact on new sample
- Potential obstacles to ratification

3. Independent review body?

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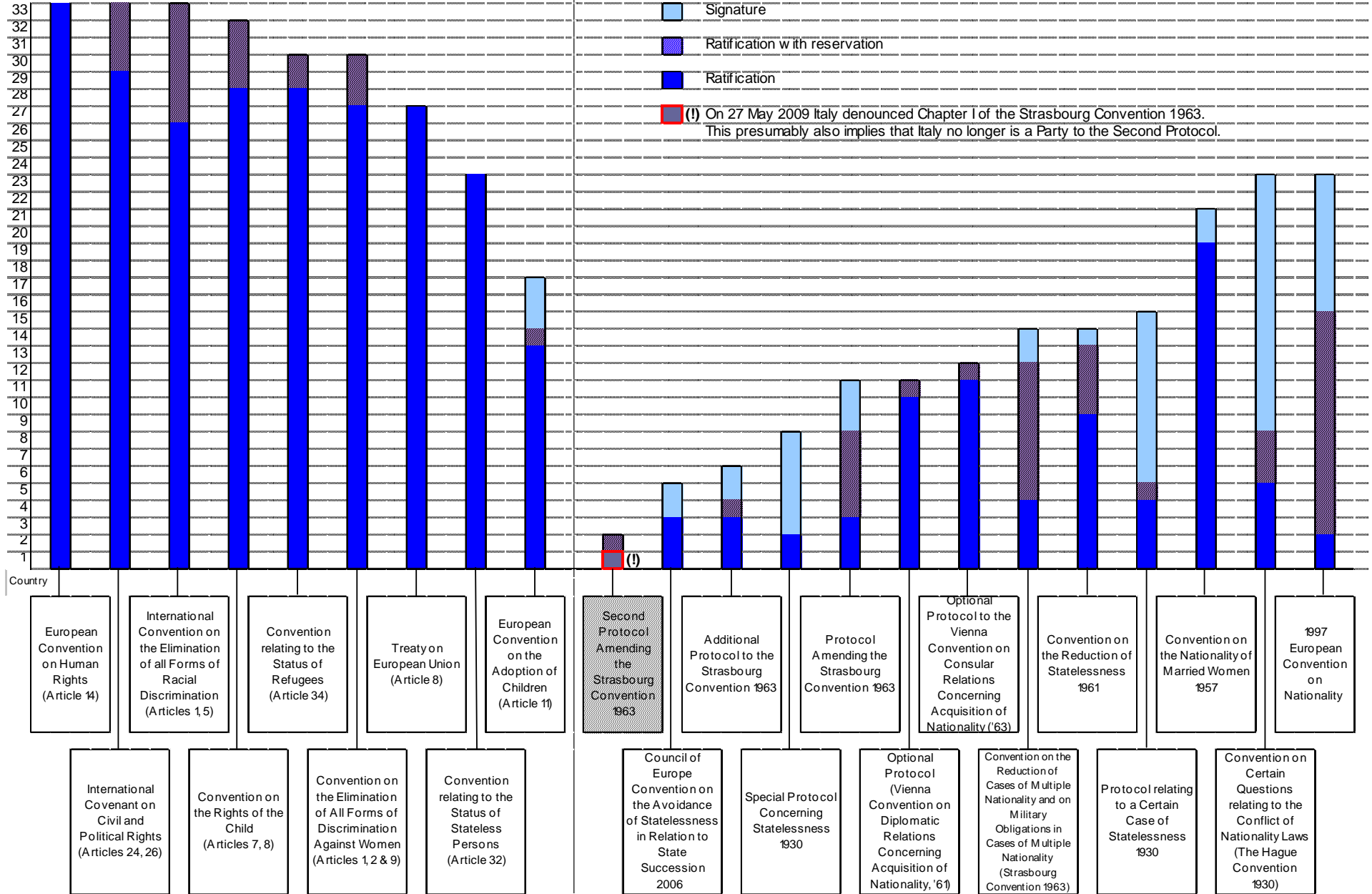
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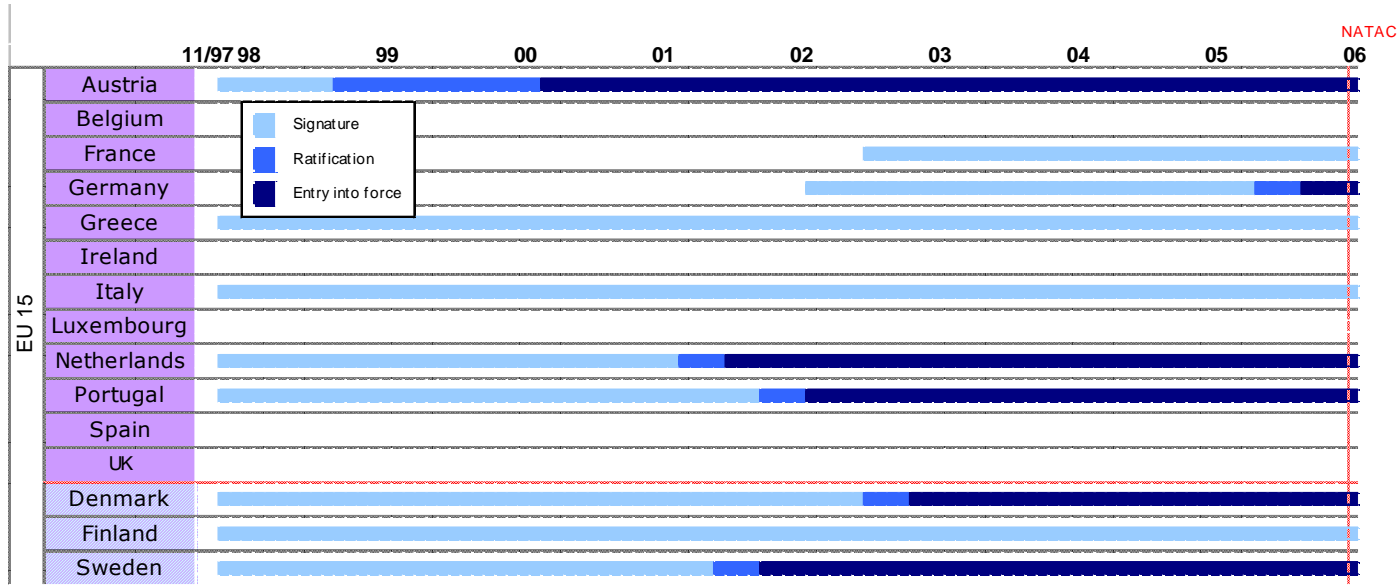


General human rights Conventions

Conventions exclusively dealing with nationality matters

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Independent review body?

Art. 23, ECN: *'States Parties shall co-operate amongst themselves and with other member States... to promote the progressive development of legal principles and practice concerning nationality and related matters.'*

- ✓ Important for 'best practice' on State-level
- ❓ Guarantee of rights in individual cases?
- ➔ Independent review body?

- 4th Council of Europe Conference on nationality in 2010

Thank you very much for your attention!

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