

Follow up to the European Parliament non-legislative resolution on supporting the United Kingdom accession to the Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters

1. Resolution tabled pursuant to Rule 142 (1) of the European Parliament's Rules of procedure

1. References: 2025/2709(RSP) / B10-0273/2025 / P10_TA(2025)0138

2. Date of adoption of the resolution: 19 June 2025

3. Competent Parliamentary Committee: Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI)

4. Brief analysis/ assessment of the resolution and requests made in it:

In its resolution, the Parliament welcomes the positive assessment made by the Commission with the aim of establishing treaty relations with the United Kingdom in the framework of the Convention of 2 July 2019 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters (the “Judgments Convention”) and expresses support for the accession of the United Kingdom to the Judgments Convention.

At the same time, the Parliament also reiterates its view that the procedure set out in Article 218(6) TFEU should be followed in matters concerning the establishment of the EU position regarding accession by third states to the Hague Conference Conventions (paragraph 3 of the resolution).

5. Response to the requests in the resolution and overview of the action taken, or intended to be taken, by the Commission:

With regard to the position expressed by the Parliament in paragraph 3 of its resolution, the Commission consistently took the view that, since the Judgments Convention is based on the principle of the acceptance of accessions by other Contracting Parties and only envisages an “objection procedure” in exceptional cases, and since the Parliament has been fully involved in and given its consent to the EU’s accession to the Judgments Convention establishing this “objection procedure”, **formal decisions under Article 218 TFEU are required only where it is proposed that the EU object to the establishment of such treaty relations**, in line with the Commission’s obligation to implement the EU’s obligations under international law in good faith.

At the same time, it **is important and necessary to consult the Parliament and to take its views into account**, in full compliance with the Treaties and the duty of sincere cooperation. This is why the

Commission is **committed to consistently inform the European Parliament of each intended accession of a third country to the Judgments Convention and to take full account of the views expressed when deciding whether to propose an objection decision.** The Commission is ready to look further into ways of optimizing inter-institutional cooperation in the context of non-objection procedures.