

European Convention on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access

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The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report by Pavel SVOBODA (EPP, CZ) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the European Convention on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access.

The committee recommended that Parliament give its consent to the conclusion of the Convention.

The European Convention on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access was adopted on 24 January 2001 and entered into force on 1 July 2003.

The Convention establishes a regulatory framework almost identical to Directive 98/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of services based on, or consisting of, conditional access.

The conclusion of the Convention would send out a strong signal in favour of this Convention, thereby helping to extend the provisions of [Directive 98/84/EC](#) beyond the borders of the EU, and would establish legislation on services based on conditional access which would be applicable throughout the continent of Europe.