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**Subject: EU *acquis* on the rights of the child**

Dear Mr Dohle

Thank you for your letter of 8 November 2013 addressed to Director General Françoise Le Bail, in which you point out inconsistencies between the *acquis* listed in the compilation on rights of the child and elsewhere.

**UN Convention on the rights of the child**

We do not consider the UN Convention on the rights of the child as EU *acquis* in legal terms because the EU has not ratified it. As you will have seen from Section 2 of the compilation, EU work is guided by the UNCRC and recent legislation explicitly refers to it. In terms of enlargement policy, countries acceding to the EU must have ratified the UNCRC as part of the Copenhagen criteria and the compilation has been amended to better reflect that. I attach the revised version of the compilation that is posted here: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/eu\\_acquis\\_2013\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/fundamental-rights/files/eu_acquis_2013_en.pdf)

**Hague Convention of 29 May 1993 on protection of children and cooperation in respect of intercountry adoption**

This Convention is not part of the EU *acquis* and it has now been deleted from Section 16.57 of the compilation - indicative list of conventions and instruments to which candidate countries must accede.

Yours sincerely

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