

# *Spanish Municipal Legislation Concerning Matters of Public International Law, 2007*

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This survey covers aspects of Spanish municipal legislation relating to Public International Law. Only relevant aspects are quoted or mentioned, with an unofficial translation or a reference to the *Boletín Oficial del Estado* (Official Journal of the State).

## **I. INTERNATIONAL LAW IN GENERAL**

## **II. SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

– Resolution of 19 February 2007, passed by the Spanish Technical Secretariat-General on implementation of Article 32 of Decree 801/1972, regulating the activity of the State Administration regarding international treaties (*BOE* 53, 02.03.07).

*Note:* This Resolution provides for publication, in the public interest, of communications of third States actions regarding multilateral treaties to which Spain is party, and received by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation from 1 May to 31 August 2006.

– Resolution of 18 June 2007, passed by the Spanish Technical Secretariat-General on implementation of Article 32 of Decree 801/1972, regulating the activity of the State Administration regarding international treaties (*BOE* 158, 3.07.07).

*Note:* This Resolution provides for publication, in the public interest, of communications of third States actions regarding multilateral treaties to which Spain is party, and received by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation from 1 January to 30 April 2007.

– Resolution of 5 October 2007, passed by the Spanish Technical Secretariat-General on implementation of Article 32 of Decree 801/1972, regulating the activity of the State Administration regarding international treaties (*BOE* 265, 5.11.07).

*Note:* This Resolution provides for publication, in the public interest, of communications of third States actions regarding multilateral treaties to which Spain is party, and received by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation from 1 May to 31 August 2007.

*Note:* See also “Treaties to which Spain is a Party Concerning Matters of Public International Law, 2007”, in particular the sections concerning International Human Rights, Seas, Waterways and Ships, Environment, Legal Aspects of International Cooperation, International Organizations and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes.

### **III. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MUNICIPAL LAW**

– Royal Decree 508/2007, of 20 April, regulating the provision of information on emissions under the E-PRTR (European Pollutants Release and Transfer Register) Regulation and comprehensive environmental authorizations (*BOE* 96, 21.04.07).  
*Note:* This text implements the Protocol and the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters of the UNECE/ONU (Aarhus Convention).

– Royal Legislative Decree 8/2007, of 14 September, amending some articles of the Act 23/1992, of 30 July, on Private Security (*BOE* 225, 19.09.07).  
*Note:* The Court of Justice of the European Communities by decision of 26 January 2006, has analyzed the compatibility of this Act with European Law and has considered that the “public order exception”, does not permit the exclusion of the freedom of establishment and to provide services into the European Communities, established by articles 43 and 49 of the EC Treaty.

### **IV. SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**

### **V. THE INDIVIDUAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW**

#### **1. Aliens**

– Resolution of 28 February 2007, approving Instructions for determining the procedure for entry, residence and working in Spain for aliens whose occupational activity involves areas of economic, social or labour interest, relates to the performance of research and development work, or teaching, requires very high qualification, or involves artistic performance of special cultural interest (*BOE* 65, 16.03.07).

– Resolution passed by the Spanish Technical Secretariat-General providing for the publication of the Note Verbale on temporary suspension of the Exchange of Notes between Spain and Bolivia of 26 March 1962, on elimination of visas.

*Note:* This Exchange of notes will be suspended since 1 April 2007. This suspension is due to the application of the Regulation EC 1932/2006 of the Council. (*BOE* 73, 26.03.07)

– Order PRE/1282/2007, of 10 May, on the economic means aliens must accredit having in order to be able to enter Spain (*BOE* 113, 11.05.07).

- Order PRE/1283/2007, of 10 May, establishing the terms and requisites for issue by private persons of a letter of invitation for aliens seeking to enter national territory for private reasons or tourism (*BOE* 113, 11.05.07).
- Royal Decree 868/2007, of 2 July, regulating the award of direct subsidies to entities responsible for caring for unaccompanied minors within the framework of the Special Programme on the transfer and care of unaccompanied minors in the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands (*BOE* 168, 14.07.07).
- Royal Decree 1260/2007, of 21 September, regulating the award of a direct subsidy to the Cities of Ceuta and Melilla to improve care for unaccompanied minors (*BOE* 228, 22.09.07 and *corr. of errors BOE* 230, 25.09.07).
- Order PRE/3654/2007, of 14 December, establishing fees for granting administrative permits, issuing immigration or alien affairs documents, and processing visas at borders (*BOE* 300, 15.12.07).

## **2. Human Rights**

- Organic Act 3/2007, of 22 March, for actual equality between women and men (*BOE* 71, 23.03.07).
- Royal Decree 367/2007, of 16 March, creating and regulating the “Comisión Nacional para el Fomento y Promoción del Diálogo Intercultural” [National Commission to Foment and Promote Intercultural Dialogue] (*BOE* 72, 24.03.07).
- Act 1/2007, of 16 March, regulating research on cell reprogramming exclusively for therapeutic purposes (Autonomous Community of Andalusia) (*BOE* 89, 13.04.07).
- Act 14/2007, of 3 July, on Biomedical Research (*BOE* 159, 4.07.07).
- Act 19/2007, of 11 July, against violence, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in sports (*BOE* 166, 12.07.07).
- Royal Decree 1257/2007, of 21 September, approving regulations for direct award of grants to people who are under threat or persecuted for their activity in defence of human rights in their countries of customary residence outside Spain (*BOE* 238, 4.10.07).
- Act 27/2007, of 23 October, recognizing Spanish sign languages and regulating means to support oral communication among persons who are deaf, hearing disabled or deaf and blind (*BOE* 255, 24.10.07).
- Royal Decree 1621/2007, of 7 December, regulating a voting procedure for Spanish citizens who find themselves temporarily outside Spain (*BOE* 299, 14.12.07).

– Act 52/2007, of 26 December, recognizing and broadening rights and establishing measures in favour of persons who suffered persecution or violence during the Civil War and the dictatorship (*BOE* 310, 27.12.07).

## VI. STATE ORGANS

### 1. Central organs

– Order AEC/338/2007 of 12 February, laying down the rules concerning the Ministerial Commission on Electronic Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (*BOE* 44, 20.02.07 and *corr. of errors BOE* 99, 25.04.07).

– Order DEF/783/2007, of 22 March, on the organization and operation of Defence Attaché Offices (*BOE* 77, 30.03.07).

– Royal Decree 595/2007, of 4 May, creating the “Comisión Nacional para la Conmemoración de los Bicentenarios de la Independencia de las Repúblicas Iberoamericanas” [National Commission for the Commemoration of the Bicentennials of the Independence of Ibero-American Republics] (*BOE* 113, 11.05.07), as set forth by Royal Decree 1258/2007, of 21 September (*BOE* 230, 25.09.07).

– Order AEC/2333/2007, of 27 July, establishing a transitory system of territorial jurisdiction for Technical Cooperation Offices pertaining to the Spanish International Cooperation Agency at Permanent Diplomatic Missions of Spain in the Republic of Senegal, in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in the Republic of Philippines and in the Arab Republic of Egypt (*BOE* 183, 1.08.07).

– Order AEC/2600/2007, of 3 September, creating the Spanish Cooperation Training Centre in Montevideo at the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain in the Eastern Republic of Uruguay (*BOE* 218, 11.09.07).

– Royal Decree 1310/2007, of 5 October, regulating the operation of the National Defence Council and the composition and functions of the Interministerial Defence Commission (*BOE* 240, 6.10.07).

– Royal Decree 1389/2007, of 29 October, modifying Royal Decree 1412/2000, of 21 July, creating the Council on Foreign Policy (*BOE* 260, 30.10.07).

– Royal Decree 1513/2007, of 16 November, creating and regulating the Spanish Commission on International Humanitarian Law (*BOE* 283, 26.11.07).

*Note:* Spain promised the XXVIII International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent held in December 2003 that it would establish and implement a national coordination and consultation mechanism on the application and dissemination of International Humanitarian Law.

– Royal Decree 1403/2007, of 26 October, approving the Statute of the “Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo” [Spanish International Development Cooperation Agency] (*BOE* 283, 26.11.07).

## **2. Diplomatic Relations**

– Royal Decree 1590/2006, of 22 December, setting up the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain to Cape Verde (*BOE* 9, 10.01.07).

– Royal Decree 7/2007, of 12 January, creating the Labour and Social Affairs Counsellor’s Office at Spain’s Permanent Diplomatic Mission in the Republic of Ukraine (*BOE* 22, 25.01.07).

– Royal Decree 8/2007, of 12 January, creating the Labour and Social Affairs Counsellor’s Office at Spain’s Permanent Diplomatic Mission in the Republic of Ecuador (*BOE* 22, 25.01.07).

– Order AEC/337/2007 of 18 January, creating the Technical Cooperation Office of the Spanish International Cooperation Agency at Spain’s permanent diplomatic mission in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (*BOE* 44, 20.02.07).

– Royal Decree 448/2007, of 3 April, setting up the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain to the Republic of Guinea (*BOE* 81, 4.04.07).

– Royal Decree 449/2007, of 3 April, setting up the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain to the Republic of Guinea Bissau (*BOE* 81, 4.04.07).

– Royal Decree 450/2007, of 3 April, setting up the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain to the Republic of Niger (*BOE* 81, 4.04.07).

– Order AEC/1917/2007, of 4 June, setting up the Cultural Centres of the Spanish International Cooperation Agency in the Permanent Diplomatic Missions of Spain to the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador and the Republic of Honduras (*BOE* 156, 30.06.07).

– Royal Decree 973/2007, of 13 July, setting up the Office of the Counsellor for Information at the Permanent Diplomatic Mission to Japan (*BOE* 178, 26.07.07).

– Royal Decree 974/2007, of 13 July, setting up the Office of the Counsellor for Information at the Permanent Diplomatic Mission to the Republic of Poland (*BOE* 178, 26.07.07).

– Royal Decree 975/2007, of 13 July, setting up the Office of the Counsellor for Information at the Permanent Diplomatic Mission to the Republic of Turkey (*BOE* 178, 26.07.07).

- Royal Decree 1117/2007, of 24 August, setting up the Section of Tourism of the Spanish Permanent Diplomatic Mission in India (*BOE* 221, 14.09.07).
- Royal Decree 1172/2007, of 10 September, suppressing the Labour and Social Affairs Counsellor's Office at Spain's Permanent Diplomatic Mission in Canada (*BOE* 227, 21.09.07).
- Royal Decree 1173/2007, of 10 September, suppressing the Labour and Social Affairs Counsellor's Office at Spain's Permanent Diplomatic Mission in The Netherlands (*BOE* 227, 21.09.07).
- Royal Decree 1202/2007, of 14 September, setting up the Section of Defence of the Spanish Permanent Diplomatic Mission in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania (*BOE* 233, 28.09.07).
- Royal Decree 1406/2007, of 29 October, setting up the Permanent Diplomatic Mission of Spain to the People's Republic of Bangladesh (*BOE* 273, 14.11.07).
- Royal Decree 1496/2007, of 12 November, setting up the Section of Economy and Trade of the Spanish Permanent Diplomatic Mission in Equatorial Guinea (*BOE* 281, 23.11.07).
- Royal Decree 1497/2007, of 12 November, setting up the Section of Economy and Trade of the Spanish Permanent Diplomatic Mission in Oman (*BOE* 281, 23.11.07).
- Royal Decree 1526/2007, of 16 November, setting up the Section of Economy and Trade of the Spanish Permanent Diplomatic Mission in Ghana (*BOE* 286, 29.11.07).

### **3. Consular Relations**

- Order AEC/1293/2007, of 7 May, raising the status of the Consular Office in Manila to Consulate General (*BOE* 114, 12.05.07).
- Order AEC/1562/2007, of 24 May, setting up a Consular Office, as a General Consulate in Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) (*BOE* 133, 4.06.07).
- Order AEC/1563/2007, of 24 May, setting up a Consular Office, as a General Consulate in Dakar (Senegal) (*BOE* 133, 4.06.07).
- Order AEC/1564/2007, of 24 May, setting up a Consular Office, as a General Consulate in Guayaquil (Ecuador) (*BOE* 133, 4.06.07).
- Order AEC/1647/2007, of 31 May, setting up a Consular Office, as a General Consulate in Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) (*BOE* 138, 9.06.07).

– Order AEC/2353/2007, of 27 July, raising the status of the Consular Office in Agadir to Consulate General (*BOE* 184, 2.08.07).

– Royal Decree 1390/2007, of 29 October, adopting the Regulation of Spanish Honorary Consuls in foreign countries (*BOE* 272, 13.11.07).

– Orders creating the following Honorary Consular Offices:

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

– Mostar, Order AEC/1280/2007, of 16 April (*BOE* 113, 11.05.07).

Brazil:

– Foz de Iguazu, Order AEC/2297/2007, of 19 July (*BOE* 181, 30.07.07).

Egypt:

– Luxor, Order AEC/2598/2007, of 24 August (*BOE* 217, 10.09.07).

Germany:

– Dresden, Order AEC/549/2007, of 24 January (*BOE* 62, 13.03.07 and *BOE* 181, 30.07.07).

Guatemala:

– Quetzaltenango, Order AEC/2996/2007, of 1 October (*BOE* 248, 16.10.07).

Kirghizstan:

– Bishkek, Order AEC/3137/2007, of 22 October (*BOE* 261, 31.10.07).

Morocco:

– Essauira, Order AEC/3365/2007, of 16 November (*BOE* 280, 22.11.07).

New Zealand:

– Hastings, Order AEC/2997/2007, of 1 October (*BOE* 248, 16.10.07).

Thailand:

– Phuket, Order AEC/998/2007, of 20 March (*BOE* 92, 17.04.07).

United Kingdom:

– Jersey, Order AEC/1381/2007, of 27 April (*BOE* 121, 21.05.07).

Vietnam:

– Hue and Da Nang, Order AEC/550/2007, of 14 February (*BOE* 62, 13.03.07).

– Orders suppressing the following Honorary Consular Offices:

New Zealand:

– Wellington, Order AEC/2997/2007, of 1 October (*BOE* 248, 16.10.07).

#### 4. Special Missions

#### 5. Relations with International Organizations

#### 6. Other Organs of the State

– Organic Act 1/2007, of 28 February, amending the Autonomy Statute of the Balearic Islands (BOE 52, 1.03.07 and *corr. of errors* BOE 77, 30.03.07, BOE 173, 20.07.07).

*Note:* Shown are the articles of the reformed Statute that are of special interest from an International Law perspective.

Article 13. *Rights, obligations and freedoms of citizens of the Balearic Islands.*

1. As Spanish and European citizens, the citizens of the Balearic Islands have rights, obligations and freedoms as recognized by the Constitution, European Union law and by international instruments protecting individual and collective human rights: in particular, the Declaration of Human Rights, International Agreements on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the European Social Charter.
2. The public authorities of the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands are bound by these rights and freedoms and will ensure that they are protected and respected, and that obligations are fulfilled.
3. The main rights under this Article shall not involve any modification of the distribution of powers, the creation of new jurisdictional titles or the modification of existing ones. None of the provisions of this Article may be implemented, applied or interpreted in such a way as to reduce or limit the fundamental rights recognized by the Constitution and by the International Treaties and Conventions ratified by Spain.

Institutional Relations

#### CHAPTER I

#### Foreign Policy Action

Article 101. *Foreign projection*

1. Without detriment to the jurisdiction of the State in regard to international relations, the Autonomous Community promotes the projection of the Balearic Islands abroad and its interests in this area.
2. The Autonomous Community has the ability to carry out actions with foreign projection that are directly derived from its areas of autonomy, either directly or through organs of the General State Administration.
3. The Autonomous Community may enter into cooperation Agreements to promote its interests in the framework of its attributed powers.



*Article 102. International Conventions and participation*

1. The Government of the State must inform the Autonomous Community of any International Treaties and Conventions it intends to negotiate and enter into if they directly and specially affect their powers.

The Government of the Balearic Islands and the Parliament of the Balearic Islands may address any comments they deem appropriate to the Government of the State and the Cortes Generales [National Parliament].

2. The Autonomous Community may participate in Spanish delegations that are negotiating Treaties that directly and specially affect the Community, as determined by State legislation.
3. The Autonomous Community may request the State to enter into Treaties and International Conventions on matters that affect it.
4. The Autonomous Community may adopt any measures necessary to fulfil the obligations derived from International Treaties and Conventions ratified by Spain or that are binding on the State, within the scope of its powers.

*Article 103. Cooperation with regions of other States*

The Autonomous Community may promote cooperation with regions of other States that have shared economic, social or cultural interests.

*Article 104. Participation in international organizations*

The Autonomous Community may participate in representations by the State to International Organizations in cases in which their activity affects its powers or matters of its specific interest, as determined by the legislation of the State.

**CHAPTER II****Relations with the European Union***Article 106. European Union*

The Autonomous Community shall participate in matters relating to the European Union that affect the powers and interests of the Balearic Islands, under the terms established by this Autonomy Statute, the Constitution and the legislation of the State.

*Article 107. Delegations or Offices to the European Union*

The Autonomous Community may establish delegations or offices to the European Union to improve the exercise of its powers and adequately promote its interests.

*Article 108. Information and participation in Treaties*

The Autonomous Community must be kept informed on negotiations relating to original and foundational treaties, and their review and amendment, and may also participate in same, as appropriate, as part of the Spanish delegation,

in accordance with internal multilateral mechanisms established in this regard between the State and the autonomous communities.

*Article 109. Community Law*

The Autonomous Community has the ability to develop and implement community law in accordance with its powers. If it is unavoidable to transpose European law in the areas of its exclusive powers into State law, because European law is higher in rank than that of the Autonomous Community, such Community shall be consulted in advance pursuant to the internal coordination mechanisms as legally set forth.

*Article 110. Participation and negotiation with the European Union*

1. The right of the Autonomous Community to participate in the formation of the State negotiating position in the European Union is recognized. Such participation must be autonomous and specific if the matter exclusively affects the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands. If it affects the exclusive powers of the autonomous communities as a whole, such participation must be in the framework of the internal multilateral cooperation procedures established by the State law regulating this matter.
2. The position must be especially taken into consideration in determining the position of the State. In any event, the Government must keep the Autonomous Community informed on the progress of negotiations, regardless of the configuration of the underlying, exclusive or concurrent power.

*Article 111. Participation in the Spanish delegation to the European Union*

The Autonomous Community shall participate in the Spanish delegation to the European Union Council of Ministers and in its working groups under terms as established in the general system of autonomous community participation. Such participation must be agreed directly with the appropriate bodies of the General State Administration when matters specific to the Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands are involved.

*Article 112. Control of the principle of subsidiarity*

The Parliament of the Balearic Islands may be consulted by the Cortes Generales [National Parliament] under the process of control of the principle of subsidiarity as established under Community Law.

*Article 113. Court of Justice of the European Union*

1. The Autonomous Community participates in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union under terms as established by State law. It shall have access to same, as appropriate, if set forth by community legislation.
2. In the framework of the legislation in force on the matter, the Autonomous Community may, in defence of its interests, urge the State and its legitimate institutions to bring action before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

*Article 115. Management of European funds*

The Autonomous Community is responsible for managing European Union funds and, in general, funds channelled through European programmes, except where the authority corresponds to the State.

– Organic Act 2/2007, of 19 March, amending the Autonomy Statute of Andalusia (BOE 68, 20.03.07).

*Note:* Shown are the articles of the reformed Statute that are of special interest from an International Law perspective:

*Article 1. Andalusia*

1. As an historic nationality and in the exercise of the right to self-government acknowledged by the Constitution, Andalusia is constituted as an Autonomous Community in the framework of the unity of the Spanish nation and under Article 2 of the Constitution.
4. The European Union is the frame of reference for the Autonomous Community, and it assumes its values and enforces compliance with its objectives and respect for the rights of European citizens.

*Article 6. Andalusians abroad*

1. Andalusians abroad and the Andalusian communities established outside Andalusia, as such, shall have the right to participate in the life of the Andalusian people and to share in it, under terms as established by law in each case. Furthermore, the cited communities may request recognition of their Andalusian identity, with the effects as set forth under law.
2. For the purpose of promoting and strengthening bonds with Andalusians, as well as with Andalusian communities abroad, to provide assistance and guarantee the exercise and defence of their rights and interests, the Autonomous Community may, as appropriate, establish Agreements with public and private institutions in the territories and countries where they are located, or have the State enter into International Treaties on such matters.

*Article 9. Rights*

1. All persons in Andalusia enjoy, as a minimum, the rights set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other European and International instruments that protect same and are ratified by Spain, in particular International Agreements on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the European Social Charter.
2. The Autonomous Community guarantees full respect for the minorities that live in its territory.

*Article 13. Scope and interpretation of rights and principles*

The rights and principles of this Section do not alter the distribution of powers, nor the creation of new powers or the modification of already existing ones.

None of the rights or principles contemplated in this Section should be interpreted, developed or applied in such a way as to limit or reduce rights or principles recognized by the Constitution or by International Treaties or Conventions ratified by Spain.

Article 42. *Classification of powers*

1. The Autonomous Community of Andalusia has exclusive, shared, executive powers over the matters covered by this Section, that it will exercise in respect of the provisions of the Constitution and this Statute.
2. The Autonomous Community of Andalucía assumes under this Statute:
  - 1st. Exclusive powers, including legislative and regulatory powers and executive function, comprehensively and notwithstanding the powers attributed to the State under the Constitution. In the area of its exclusive powers, Andalusian law is preferentially applicable in its territory over any other, and the law of the State in such cases is supplemental in nature.
  - 2nd. Shared powers, that include legislative and regulatory powers and executive function in the framework set forth by the State in laws, except in cases determined to be in agreement with the Constitution. In the exercise of such powers, the Autonomous Community may also establish its own policies.
  - 3rd. Executive powers, including the power to organize its own administration and, in general, the functions and activities that are attributed to the Public Administration and, where appropriate, the approval of regulatory provisions to implement State regulations.
  - 4th. Powers in relation to the application of community law, including the development and implementation of European Union rules when they affect areas in which the Autonomous Community has powers.
3. The Autonomous Community of Andalusia shall exercise any powers not contemplated expressly in this Statute that are transferred or delegated to it by the State.

Article 218.

In the cases provided for in this Section, the Autonomous Community of Andalusia shall participate in the decisions or institutions of the State and the European Union as established in each case by the Constitution, State legislation or European Union norms.

Relations with European Union institutions

Article 230. *Framework of relations*

Relations between the Autonomous Community of Andalusia and European Union institutions shall be governed by the provisions of this Statute and under the framework of the provisions of State legislation.

*Article 231. Participation in the State's position*

1. The Autonomous Community participates in the formation of the State position in the European Union in matters relating to the powers or interests of Andalusia, under the terms established by this Statute and legislation on the subject.
2. The Autonomous Community must participate bilaterally in forming the State position in matters that affect it exclusively. In other matters, participation shall be carried in the framework of multilateral procedures as may be established.
3. The position expressed by the Autonomous Community is definitive in forming the position of the State if it affects its exclusive powers and the European proposal or initiative has financial or administrative consequences of special relevance for Andalusia. If this position is not adopted by the Government of the State, it must be explained before the Joint Andalusia-State Commission. In all other cases, the position must be heard by the State.

*Article 232. Participation in European Union decisions*

Andalusia shall participate in the decision-making process in European Union institutions directly or through the representation of the State, under such terms as are legally determined.

*Article 233. State information*

The State shall inform the Junta de Andalusia on the initiatives, proposals and legislative projects and the procedural decisions in the European Union, as well as on procedures underway before European judicial bodies in which Spain is a party and that affect Andalusian interests, as established in State regulations. The Junta de Andalucía may address any comments and proposals it deems appropriate to the State.

*Article 234. Participation and representation in European Union institutions and bodies*

1. The Junta de Andalusia participates in the Spanish delegations to the European Union in defence and promotion of its interests and to promote the necessary integration of autonomous, State and European policies. Especially, it participates in respect of the Council of Ministers and in consultative and preparatory processes for the Council and the Commission when matters of the legislative powers of the Junta de Andalusia are dealt with, under the terms set forth in appropriate legislation.
2. When referring to the exclusive powers of the Junta de Andalusia, the participation set forth in the previous paragraph shall, by agreement and by delegation, provide for it to exercise representation and the chairmanship of such bodies, pursuant to the provisions of applicable regulations.

*Article 235. Development and application of European Union law*

1. The Junta de Andalusia develops and implements European Union law in the areas of its powers, in accordance with an Andalusian Parliament law.
2. If the European Union establishes legislation that replaces the basic law of the State, the Junta de Andalucía may adopt the implementing legislation from European regulations.

*Article 236. Permanent Delegation of the Junta de Andalusia*

The Junta de Andalucía shall have a Permanent Delegation to the European Union as an administrative body for representation, defence and promotion of its interests before the institutions and bodies of same, and to gather information and establish mechanisms for relations and coordination with same.

*Article 237. Consultation of the Andalusian Parliament*

The Andalusian Parliament shall be consulted prior to the issuance of a decision by the Cortes Generales [National Parliament] regarding European legislative proposals under the procedures for control of the subsidiarity and proportionality principles as established by Community Law.

*Article 238. Actions in the Court of Justice*

1. The Junta de Andalucía participates in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union under the terms established by the State legislation. It shall have access to same, as appropriate, if such is established by community legislation.
2. In the framework of the legislation in force on the matter, the Junta de Andalusia may ask the State and eligible institutions to bring action before the Court of Justice of the European Union in defence of the interests of the Autonomous Community.

*Article 239. Relations with European regions*

1. The Junta de Andalucía shall promote cooperation and establish relations it considers appropriate with the European regions with which it shares goals and interests, to serve the general interest of Andalusia.
2. The public powers of Andalusia shall encourage the presence of the regions in the definition of European Union policies.

**CHAPTER IV****Foreign Action***Article 240. Treaties and Conventions*

1. The Junta de Andalusia shall be informed by the State in advance of entering into International Treaties and Conventions that directly and especially affect matters over which it has power.

After such information is received it will issue its views, as appropriate, and may address any comments it deems appropriate to the State.

2. The Junta de Andalusia may ask to participate in the negotiating delegations for Treaties and Conventions that directly and specially affect the Autonomous Community.
3. The Junta de Andalucía may ask the State to enter into International Treaties in matters over which it has power.
4. The Autonomous Community shall adopt the measures necessary to implement International Treaties and Conventions insofar as they affect matters under their jurisdiction, in accordance with this Statute.

Article 241. *Collaboration agreements*

To promote Andalusian interests, the Junta de Andalucía, may enter into collaboration agreements within the purview of its powers. The foreign representation bodies of the State shall provide the necessary support for Junta de Andalucía initiatives.

Article 242. *Participation in International Organizations*

The Junta de Andalusia shall participate as part of the Spanish delegation to International Organizations in matters of special relevance for the Autonomous Community. It may do so directly when the law of the State so permits.

Article 243. *Cultural relations with other States*

The Autonomous Community may ask the Government to enter into and present, as appropriate, for authorization to the Cortes Generales [National Parliament], the Treaties or Conventions that provide for the establishment of cultural relations with the States with which it has special cultural or historical bonds.

Article 244. *Participation in fora and meetings*

The Autonomous Community shall participate in fora and meetings on cooperation between the Spanish State and countries that border Andalusia.

## CHAPTER V

### Development cooperation

Article 245. *Solidarity principle*

1. The Andalusian people participate in international solidarity with less developed countries to promote an international order based on a fairer redistribution of wealth.
2. The Autonomous Community of Andalusia shall undertake development cooperation activities in such countries aimed at eradicating poverty, defence of human rights and promoting peace and democratic values, especially in Ibero-America, the Maghreb and Africa as a whole.
3. Preferential attention will also be paid to development cooperation policies with neighbouring countries or countries that are culturally close, or with States that receive Andalusian emigrants or are States of origin of immigrants to Andalusia.

Article 246. *Inter-regional and cross-border cooperation*

The Junta de Andalucía shall promote the conclusion of inter-regional and cross-border Conventions and Agreements with neighbouring regions and communities in the framework set forth in the Constitution, Statutes of Autonomy and applicable European regulations.

Article 247. *Coordination of foreign action in regard to cooperation*

The Junta de Andalucía promotes and coordinates the foreign action of local governments, autonomous agencies and other public entities of Andalusia in regard to foreign cooperation, while respecting the autonomy as applicable in each case.

– Organic Act 5/2007, of 20 April, amending the Autonomy Statute of Aragon (BOE 97, 23.04.07 and *corr. of errors* BOE 294, 8.12.07).

*Note:* Shown are the articles of the reformed Statute that are of special interest from an International Law perspective:

Article 6. *Rights and Freedoms*

1. The rights and freedoms of the people of Aragon are as recognized in the Constitution, included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in other international instruments that protect same and that are signed or ratified by Spain, as well as those that are established by this Statute in the context of the Autonomous Community.
2. The public powers of Aragon are bound by these rights and freedoms and must ensure their protection and respect, as well as promote their full exercise.
3. The rights and principles of Section I of this Statute do not alter the distribution of powers, the creation of new areas of authority or the modification of already existing ones. None of its provisions may be developed, applied or interpreted in such a way as to reduce or limit fundamental rights recognized by the Constitution and by the International Treaties and Conventions ratified by Spain.

Article 8. *Aragonese communities abroad*

1. The public powers of Aragon must encourage social and cultural links with Aragonese communities abroad and provide them with necessary assistance, as well as ensure that they are able to exercise their right to participate, collaborate and share in the social and cultural life of the people of Aragon. A law established by the Parliament of Aragon shall regulate the scope, content and form of exercise of this right, without detriment to the powers of the State.
2. The Government of Aragon, within the scope of its powers, may formalize cooperation Agreements with institutions and entities in territories in which



there are Aragonese communities abroad and request the State to enter into appropriate International Treaties and Conventions.

### CHAPTER III

#### Relations with the European Union

##### Article 92. *Relations with the European Union*

1. The Autonomous Community of Aragon shall, under the terms established by State legislation, participate in matters relating to the European Union that affect the powers or interests of Aragon.
2. The Autonomous Community of Aragon shall establish a delegation to present, defend and promote its interests to European Union institutions and bodies.

##### Article 93. *Participation in the formation and application of European Union Law*

1. The Autonomous Community of Aragon participates in forming the positions of the State in the European Union, especially in regard to the Council of Ministers, in matters which affect the powers or interests of Aragon, under the terms established by this Statute and State legislation on the matter.
2. The Autonomous Community of Aragon applies and implements European Union Law within the purview of its powers. The existence of a European regulation does not alter the internal distribution of powers established by the Constitution and this Statute.
3. The Parliament of Aragon shall participate in control procedures regarding the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality established by the European Union in relation to European legislative proposals when they affect powers pertaining to the Autonomous Community.

##### Article 94. *Participation in European institutions and bodies*

Representatives of the Autonomous Community of Aragon shall participate directly or through multilateral procedures in Spanish delegations to European Union institutions and bodies that deal with matters that fall under its purview, especially in regard to the Council of Ministers and in the consultation and preparatory processes for the Council and the Commission, in conformity with State legislation.

##### Article 95. *Action in the Court of Justice*

1. The Autonomous Community has access to the Court of Justice of the European Union under the terms established by European law.
2. The Government of Aragon may ask the Government of Spain to bring action before the Court of Justice of the European Union in defence of the interests and powers of the Autonomous Community.

## CHAPTER IV

## Foreign action of the Autonomous Community

Article 96. *Foreign action*

1. The Autonomous Community of Aragon shall promote its foreign projects and its interests in this context. For such purpose it may establish offices abroad, providing they do not incur in what is set forth in Article 149.1.3rd. and 10th of the Constitution.
2. To promote the interests of Aragon, the Autonomous Community of Aragon may enter into cooperation agreements within the purview of its powers.

Article 97. *International Treaties and Conventions*

1. The Autonomous Community of Aragon may request the Government of the State to enter into International Treaties or Conventions in areas of interest to Aragon and, particularly, in those that arise from its geographic location as a territory that borders on other European regions.
2. The Autonomous Community of Aragon, in accordance with State legislation, shall be informed in advance of the International Treaties and Conventions to be concluded in areas that fall under its powers and specific interests, as appropriate. In this case, it may request the Government to include representatives of the Autonomous Community on its negotiating delegations.
3. The Autonomous Community shall adopt the measures necessary within its territory to implement the International Treaties and regulatory measures of International Organizations that affect matters that fall under the powers of the Autonomous Community.

Article 98. *Areas of foreign cooperation*

1. The Autonomous Community of Aragon shall, as a border territory, promote cooperation with the European regions with which it shares economic, social, environmental and cultural interests.
2. In the area of inter-regional cooperation, Aragon shall promote cooperation with other territories with which it shares common interests.

– Organic Act 14/2007, of 30 November, amending the Autonomy Statute of Castile and Leon (*BOE* 288, 1.12.07).

*Note:* Shown are the articles of the reformed Statute that are of special interest from an International Law perspective:

## CHAPTER II

## Relations with the European Union and participation in the European policy of the State

Article 61. *General provision*

The Community of Castile and Leon must be informed and heard by the State and shall participate, in terms as established by European and State legislation, in European Union related matters that affect its powers or interests.

*Article 62. Participation in the formation and application of European Union Law*

1. The Community of Castile and Leon shall participate in the formation of the position of the Spanish State in processes to establish European Union Law in matters that affect the powers or interests of the Community through mechanisms established internally. The Government and the Parliament of Castile and Leon may address any comments or proposals it deems appropriate on matters under negotiation to the Government of the Nation and the Cortes Generales [National Parliament], as appropriate.
2. The Parliament of Castile and Leon shall participate in the control procedures of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality established under European Union Law in relation to European legislative proposals when such proposals affect Community powers.
3. The Community applies and implements European Union Law within the scope of its powers. The existence of a European regulation does not alter the internal distribution of powers as established by the Constitution and this Statute.

*Article 63. Participation in European Union institutions and bodies*

1. The Community may participate in the institutions and bodies of the Union, within the representation of the Spanish State, as determined by applicable legislation.
2. The Junta de Castilla y León shall propose to the State the designation of representatives on the Committee of Regions, in accordance with rules governing it.

*Article 64. Permanent Delegation of the Community of Castile and Leon to the European Union*

The Community of Castile and Leon may establish a Permanent Delegation to the European Union for the purpose of having cooperative relations with European institutions and to exercise information and promotion functions and defend the interests of Castile and Leon.

*Article 65. Actions before the Court of Justice of the European Union*

1. The Community of Castile and Leon may act in proceedings before the Court of Justice of the European Union as established by applicable legislation.
2. In any event, the Junta de Castilla y Leon may ask the Government of the Nation to take action before the Court of Justice of the European Union in defence of interests of Castile and Leon.

*Article 66. Relations with European regions*

1. The Community of Castile and Leon shall, as deemed appropriate in the framework of legislation in force, promote the establishment of cooperative relations with European regions with which it shares economic, social and cultural objectives and interests.

2. In particular, the Community of Castile and Leon shall promote the establishment of good neighbour relations, based on mutual respect and cooperation with the regions of Portugal with which it has close geographical, historical, cultural, economic and environmental ties.

### CHAPTER III

#### Foreign action of the Autonomous Community

##### Article 67. *Means of action outside the Community*

1. The Community of Castile and Leon, by itself or in collaboration with the State or with other Autonomous Communities, may carry out foreign projection actions for the purpose of promoting its interests, without detriment to the jurisdiction of the State in matters of international relations.

For such purpose, the Junta de Castilla y León may sign collaboration agreements in the areas of its powers, which must be submitted for the approval of the Parliament of Castile and Leon.

2. Furthermore, the Community may participate directly in International Organizations, particularly the UNESCO and other cultural organizations, when provided for under the appropriate regulation, or as part of a Spanish delegation.
3. The Community may open offices abroad to best defend its interests, respecting the provisions of Article 149.1.3rd and 10th of the Constitution.
4. In its foreign action, the public powers of Castile and Leon shall promote peace, solidarity, tolerance, respect for human rights, the prohibition of all types of discrimination and development cooperation. A law of the Parliament will regulate the legal framework for international development cooperation by the Community.

##### Article 68. *International Treaties and Conventions*

1. The Community of Castile and Leon may ask the Government of the Nation to enter into International Treaties or Conventions in matters of interest to Castile and Leon, especially those arising from its geographical location as a border region.
2. The Junta de Castilla y León shall adopt the measures necessary to implement International Treaties and regulations of International Organizations within its territory that affect the areas over which the Autonomous Community of Castile and Leon has authority.
3. The Community shall be informed of the drafting of International Treaties and Conventions, as well as draft customs legislation that affect areas of it specific interest to it. In such cases, the Community may be represented on the negotiating delegations if so agreed with the Government of the Nation.

## VII. TERRITORY

– Royal Decree 1071/2007, of 27 July, regulating the official geodesic reference system in Spain (*BOE* 207, 29.08.07).

– Order PRE/2729/2007, of 21 September, commissioning the Puerto del Rosario (Fuerteventura), as a border station (*BOE* 228, 22.09.07).

*Note:* The seaport of Puerto del Rosario (Fuerteventura) is commissioned as a border station, declared to be an external Schengen border for all intents and purposes considered a border station for authorizing the entry into or exit from Schengen territory to or from non-signatory States of the Schengen Application Agreement.

### 1. Air

– Order PRE/4063/2006, of 29 December, partially amending the Air Traffic Regulations adopted by Royal Decree 57/2002, of 18 January (*BOE* 4, 4.01.07).

*Note:* As a consequence of the changes introduced by the ICAO into the Annexes and documents of the Chicago Convention concerning technological innovations.

– Order FOM/21/2007, of 9 January, replacing Annex 1 of Decree 1675/1972, of 26 June, on charges for air navigation aids (Eurocontrol) and amending the interest rate for delayed payment of such charges (*BOE* 15, 17.01.07).

*Note:* Followed by Order FOM/2306/2007, 19 July (*BOE* 182, 31.07.07), and Order FOM/3421/2007, 5 November (*BOE* 283, 26.11.07).

– Royal Decree 1392/2007, of 29 October, establishing the requirements for accreditation of third country carriers (*BOE* 276, 17.11.07).

– Order PRE/3531/2007, of 29 November, partially amending the Air Traffic Regulations adopted by Royal Decree 57/2002, of 18 January, on rules for visual night flight and communications (*BOE* 291, 5.12.07).

## VIII. SEAS, WATERWAYS, SHIPS

– Royal Decree 394/2007, of 31 March, on measures applicable to ships in transit engaging in the discharge of pollutants in Spanish maritime waters (*BOE* 81, 4.04.07).

– Royal Decree 869/2007, of 2 July, regulating the grant of aid benefits to deal with the special situations arising from work at sea for workers and beneficiaries under the Special Social Security System for Sea Workers and establishing certain services for sea workers (*BOE* 168, 14.07.07).

- Royal Decree 1028/2007, of 20 July, establishing the administrative procedure for processing applications for the authorization of electrical power generation facilities in the territorial sea (*BOE* 183, 1.08.07).
- Order FOM/3200/2007, of 26 October, regulation the terms for operation of recreational vessels (*BOE* 264, 3.11.07).

## IX. INTERNATIONAL SPACES

- Order EHA/2151/2007, of 6 July, establishing the issue, coinage and circulation of “Año Polar Internacional 2007–2008” [International Polar Year] collectors’ coins (*BOE* 169, 16.07.07).

## X. ENVIRONMENT

### 1. General

- Royal Decree 342/2007, of 9 March, regulating the development of MaB (UNESCO) Programme functions, and the Spanish Committee for said programme, within the autonomous agency Parques Nacionales [National Parks] (*BOE* 72, 24.03.07).
- Act 5/2007, of 3 April, on Parques Nacionales [National Parks] (*BOE* 81, 4.04.07).
- Act 2/2007, of 27 March, on encouraging renewable energy and energy saving in Andalusia (*BOE* 109, 7.05.07).
- Act 10/2006, of 21 December, on renewable energy and energy saving and efficiency in the Region of Murcia (*BOE* 111, 9.05.07).
- Royal Decree 1030/2007, of 20 July, amending Royal Decree 1370/2006, of 24 November, on approval of the National Greenhouse Gas Allotment Plan, 2008–2012 (*BOE* 174, 21.07.07).  
*Note:* Amended by Royal Decree 1402/2007, of 29 October (*BOE* 260, 30.10.07).
- Royal Decree 1031/2007, of 20 July, developing the framework for participation in the Kyoto Protocol flexibility mechanisms (*BOE* 174, 21.07.07 and *corr. of errors* *BOE* 221, 14.09.07).
- Act 7/2007, on Comprehensive Environmental Quality Management (Autonomous Community of Andalusia) (*BOE* 190, 9.08.07).
- Act 34/2007, of 15 November, on air quality and protection of the atmosphere (*BOE* 275, 16.11.07).

- Order ITC/3315/2007, of 15 November, regulating the lowering of retribution for electrical power production activity by the amount equivalent to the value of the greenhouse gas emission rights allotted free of charge, for 2006 (*BOE* 275, 16.11.07).
- Act 42/2007, of 13 December, on Patrimonio Natural [Natural Heritage] and Biodiversity (*BOE* 299, 14.12.07).

## **2. Fauna and Flora**

- Act 10/2006, of 30 November, on creation of the Saladas de Chiprana Natural Managed Preserve (*BOE* 22, 25.01.07).
- Act 11/2006, of 30 November, on creation of the Laguna de Gallocanta Natural Managed Preserve (*BOE* 23, 26.01.07).
- Act 14/2006, of 27 December, on establishing the Valles Occidentales [Western Valleys] Natural Park (*BOE* 23, 26.01.07).
- Act 9/2006, of 23 December, amending Act 8/1998, of 26 June, on the Preservation of Nature and Natural Spaces of Extremadura (*BOE* 24, 27.01.07).

# **XI. LEGAL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

## **1. General Provisions**

- Order AEC/163/2007, of 25 January, developing Royal Decree 519/2006, of 28 April, that establishes the Volunteer Worker Statute (*BOE* 29, 2.02.07) and Order AEC/1817/2007, of 15 June, amending the former Order (*BOE* 148, 21.06.07).
- Resolution of 12 June 2007, by the Presidency of the High Council of Sports, approving the list of substances and methods that are prohibited in sports (*BOE* 155, 29.06.07).
- Act 54/2007, of 28 December, on international adoption (*BOE* 312, 29.12.07).
- Act 55/2007, of 28 December, on cinema (*BOE* 312, 29.12.07).

## **2. Military and Defence Cooperation**

- Order ITC/713/2007, of 15 March, amending Annex I of the Royal Decree 1782/2004, of 30 July, approving the Regulation on foreign trade control on defence material, other materials and dual-use products and technologies (*BOE* 73, 26.03.07).

*Note:* This one substitutes the former Order ITC/60/2006, of 12 January, amending Annex I of Royal Decree 1782/2004, of 30 July, approving the Regulation on foreign trade control on defence material, other materials and dual-use products and technologies (*BOE* 20, 24.01.06).

– Order INT/1390/2007, of 11 May, determining the compensation to be received by personnel that participates or cooperates in law enforcement technical assistance, peacekeeping, security, and humanitarian operations and evacuation of persons abroad (*BOE* 122, 22.05.07).

– Organic Act 7/2007, of 2 July, Amending Organic Laws 13/1985, of 9 December, on the Military Penal Code, and 8/1998, of 2 December, on the Armed Forces Disciplinary System, and Legislative Royal Decree 8/2004, of 5 November, on compensation for participations in international peacekeeping and security operations (*BOE* 158, 3.07.07).

– Royal Decree 1524/2007, of 16 November, regulating the organization and operation of the Spanish Section of the Spain-U.S. Permanent Committee (*BOE* 286, 29.11.07).

– Act 53/2007, of 28 December, on control of foreign trade in defence and dual use materiel (*BOE* 312, 29.12.07).

### **3. Cultural Cooperation**

– Resolution of 24 October 2006, by General Technical Secretariat, providing for the publication of the General Regulation, Special Regulations nos. 1 and 2 and the model participation contract in the 2008 Zaragoza International Exhibition (*BOE* 261, 1.11.06).

*Note:* Correction of errors (*BOE* 20, 23.01.07).

– Royal Decree 696/2007, of 1 June, regulating the employment of teachers of religion under the third additional provision of Organic Act 2/2006, of 3 May, on Education (*BOE* 138, 9.06.07).

– Order EHA/1753/2007, of 11 June, providing for the issue, coinage and circulation of “Year of Spain in China” collectors’ coins (*BOE* 144, 16.06.07).

– Resolution of 18 July 2007, providing for the publication of Special Regulations n. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14, of the 2008 Zaragoza International Exhibition (*BOE* 178, 26.07.07).

– Order PRE/2771/2007, of 21 September, creating the State Office in support of the Zaragoza 2008 International Exposition (*BOE* 232, 27.09.07).



- Order EHA/3580/2007, of 3 December, providing for the issue, coinage and circulation of “Expo Zaragoza 2008” collectors’ coins (*BOE* 296, 11.12.07).

#### **4. Tariffs and Trade Cooperation**

- Order APA/3290/2007, of 12 November, establishing the technical plant health regulations for compliance by wooden packing materials in trade with third countries and the administrative authorization procedure (*BOE* 274, 15.11.07).

#### **5. Financial and Tax Cooperation**

- Royal Decree 392/2007, of 23 March, authorizing the restructuring of the implementation of the Agreement on making available a line of credit to the Argentine Republic (*BOE* 72, 24.03.07).

#### **6. Sea Traffic and Transport**

- Order ITC/2948/2007, of 27 September, updating Annexes I and II of Royal Decree 2028/1986, of 6 June, on the rules for application of certain EC Directives on type homologation of automobiles, trailers, semi-trailers, motorcycles, mopeds and agricultural vehicles, as well as the pieces and parts of such vehicles (*BOE* 244, 11.10.07).

- Order FOM/3200/2007, of 26 October, regulating terms for the operation of recreational vessels (*BOE* 264, 3.11.07).

- Royal Decree 1617/2007, of 7 December, establishing measures to improve the protection of ports and maritime shipping (*BOE* 304, 20.12.07).

#### **7. Air Traffic and Transport**

- Royal Decree 279/2007, of 23 February, determining the requirements for civil helicopters to be able to perform commercial air transport operations (*BOE* 69, 21.03.07).

#### **8. Railway transport**

- Order ITC/254/2007, of 1 February, updating Annex 1 and modifying Annex 2 and several appendices Annex 3 of Royal Decree 412/2001, of 20 April, regulating different technical aspects of hazardous goods transport by rail (*BOE* 38, 13.02.07).

#### **9. Labour, Social Security and Immigration**

- Resolution of 2 July 2007, by the Secretariat of State for Immigration and Emigration, providing for publication of the Agreement by the Council of Ministers

of 29 June 2007, approving the Instructions determining the procedures for processing the residence and work permits of non-community aliens signed on board Spanish ships registered in the special register of ships and shipping companies (*BOE* 175, 23.07.07).

– Correction of errors of the Act 40/2006, of 14 December, on the Statute of Spanish citizenship abroad (*BOE* 299, 15.12.06 and 31, 5.02.07).

*Note:* Correction of errors published in *BOE* 31, 5.02.07.

## 10. Health and Relief Cooperation

– Royal Legislative Decree 1/2007, 12 January, abolishing the fifth transitory provision of Act 28/2005, of 26 December, on health measures to combat the habit of smoking and to regulate the sale, supply, use and advertising of tobacco products (*BOE* 12, 13.01.07).

– Order APA/1128/2007, 26 April, establishing specific protection measures in relation to blue tongue (*BOE* 102, 28.04.07).

*Note:* This Order has been followed by Order APA/2289/2007, 26 July (*BOE* 180, 28.07.07), Order APA/2371/2007, 2 August, modifying the former (*BOE* 185, 3.08.07 and *BOE* 218, 11.09.07), Order APA/3046/2007, 19 October (*BOE* 252, 20.10.07), Order APA/3544/2007, 5 December (*BOE* 292, 6.12.07 and *corr. of errors BOE* 299, 14.12.07) and Order APA/3864/2007, 27 December (*BOE* 312, 29.12.07).

– Royal Decree 617/2007, of 16 May, establishing the list of animal diseases subject to mandatory declaration and regulating their notification. (*BOE* 118, 17.05.07).

– Order APA/1820/2007, of 13 June, modifying the Regulation on the registration of varieties of horticultural species (*BOE* 148, 21.06.07).

*Note:* Followed by Order APA/3146/2007, of 19 October (*BOE* 262, 1.11.07).

– Order APA/3147/2007, of 19 October, modifying the Regulations for the registration of varieties of cereals, corn, oil seeds, textiles, potatoes, fodder, grasses, turf, legumes and pulses, grain and beets (*BOE* 262, 1.11.07)

– Act 33/2007, of 7 November, reforming Act 15/1980, of 22 April, creating the Nuclear Security Council (*BOE* 268, 8.11.07).

## 11. Civil and Criminal Cooperation

– Royal Decree 187/2007, of 9 February, regulating the grant of a special subsidy to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to improve the control of its borders and to fight against illegal emigration (*BOE* 39, 14.02.07).

- Resolution of 14 February 2007, by the Under Secretariat providing for the publication of the Resolution of the Secretariats of State, of Security of the Ministry of Home Affairs and of Immigration and Emigration of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, determining the routes on which information obligations are established for airlines, carrier companies and carriers (*BOE* 42, 17.02.07).
- Organic Act 13/2007, 19 November, to extraterritorially pursue illegal trafficking or the clandestine immigration of persons (*BOE* 278, 20.11.07 and *corr. of errors* *BOE* 310, 27.12.07).

## **XII. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Royal Decree 1525/2007, of 16 November, regulating the presence abroad of the Administration of the State in its facet relating to the Ministry of the Environment and creating the Environment Offices at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations, at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations Environment Programme and at the Permanent Delegation of Spain to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (*BOE* 286, 29.11.07).

## **XIII. EUROPEAN UNION**

- Order DEF/4109/2006, of 28 December, establishing the procedure for recognition of award and use of the Medal for Service to European Security and Defence Policy created by the European Union (*BOE* 8, 9.01.07).

*Note:* This Order implements the Royal Decree 282/2006, of 10 March, establishing Spanish requirements for recognition of award and use of this Medal (*BOE* 76, 30.03.06).

- Royal Decree 1111/2007, of 24 August, amending the Royal Decree 597/1988, of 10 June, regulating EEC Metrological Control, because of the successive enlargements of the European Union (*BOE* 222, 15.09.07).
- Order EHA/232/2007, of 1 February, ordering the issue, coining and circulation of 12-euro coins commemorating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Rome Treaty (*BOE* 35, 9.02.07).

## **XIV. INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Act 26/2007, of 23 October, on Environmental Responsibility (*BOE* 255, 24.10.07).

**XV. PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES****XVI. COERCION AND THE USE OF FORCE SHORT OF WAR**

– Royal Decree 859/2007, of 25 June, declaring an official mourning period for the deaths of six members of the Spanish military contingent of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (*BOE* 152, 26.06.07).

– Royal Decree 1288/2007, of 25 September, declaring an official morning period for the deaths of members of the Spanish military contingent in the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan (ISAF) (*BOE* 231, 26.09.07).

**XVII. WAR AND NEUTRALITY**

– Royal Decree 1292/2007, of 28 September, creating and regulating the National Commission on the celebration of the bicentennial of the War of Independence (*BOE* 237, 3.10.07 and *corr. of errors* *BOE* 269, 9.11.07).