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Luxembourg Protocol – First Ratification

On 31 January 2012, the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg became the first State to ratify the Luxembourg Protocol to the Cape Town Convention.

At a deposit ceremony held at the UNIDROIT seat in Rome, the UNIDROIT Secretary-General, Mr José Angelo Estrella-Faria accepted the Instrument of Ratification from His Excellency Ambassador Jean-Louis Wolzfeld, Ambassador of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg in Italy.

In accepting Luxembourg's Instrument of Ratification, Mr Estrella-Faria said:

"Today's ratification by Luxembourg of the Luxembourg Protocol marks another milestone in the protocol's development.

Following the success of the recent 5th Session of the Preparatory Commission – which is addressing the practical and technical issues required for the Protocol's entry into force, including the establishment of the International Registry – we are increasingly able to focus our attention on promoting ratification of the Luxembourg Protocol.

It is particularly fitting that Luxembourg has become the first State to ratify the protocol, given Luxembourg's positive involvement in the Protocol's development, its generous hosting of the Diplomatic Conference, and its future role as Host State of the International Registry.

By today's ratification, Luxembourg has expressed its confidence in the future of the Protocol, and we will now be working to encourage ratifications by other States to enable the Protocol's timely entry into force."

[Article XXIII of the Protocol provides that 4 ratifications are required for the Protocol to enter into force.]

Additional information is also available from the UNIDROIT Secretariat.

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