CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF LEGALIZATION FOR FOREIGN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS from 5 October

CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE REQUIREMENT OF LEGALIZATION FOR FOREIGN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS of 5 October 1961 States parties to this Convention desiring to abolish the requirement of diplomatic or consular legalization for foreign public documents decided to make in this regard, the Convention and agreed on the following provisions Article 1 This Convention applies to official documents which have been executed in the territory of one of Contracting States and must be submitted in the territory of another of a Contracting state. As official documents in the sense this Convention discusses a document issued by a body or officials under the jurisdiction of the state including the outgoing documents from the Prosecutor's office of the court clerk or bailiff b administrative documents c notary acts d official notes such as the notes on registration of visas confirming a definite date of certification of a signature on the document was not notarized. However, this Convention does not applies to a documents executed by diplomatic or consular agents b administrative documents dealing directly with commercial or customs operations. Article 2 Each of the Contracting States exempts from legalization documents covered by this Convention and which have to be produced in its territory. Under legalization in the sense of this Convention to mean only formal the procedure used diplomatic or consular agents of the country on where the document should be presented for identity the authenticity of the signature qualities in which the person signing the document and in an appropriate case of authenticity of the seal or stamp which it bears this document. Article 3 The only formality which can be required for authentication of the signature qualities in which the person signing the document and where appropriate the authentication of the seal or stamp which the document bears is acquiring the under article 4 of the apostille by the competent authority of the state in which this document was made. However, the implementation referred to in the preceding the paragraph function may not be required if the laws regulations or practices operating in the state in which the document or agreement between two or more Contracting States cancel or simplify this procedure or exempt the document itself from legalisation. Article 4 Referred to in the first paragraph of article 3 apostille

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