

MEMORANDUM TO CABINET SUBMITTED BY THE  
HON. MINISTER OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Draft European Convention  
on the Adoption of Children

The text of this Council of Europe draft Convention will be submitted for signature by member Governments at the same time as the 40th Session of the Committee of Ministers which will open on 24th April, 1967 in Strasbourg.

2. It is an important instrument and the recent amendments to Malta's legislation on the adoption of children (Ordinance No. 21 of 1962) are progressive enough to enable Malta to sign the Convention without any reservations, and the Crown Advocate General has so advised.

3. As the provisions of the draft Convention are fully acceptable to the Government, it is desirable that Malta should be one of the original signatories when the Convention is opened for signature in the near future.

4. Hon. Ministers are accordingly requested to agree to Malta becoming party to the European Convention on the Adoption of Children.

5. A copy of the draft Convention is available for perusal at the office of the Secretary to Cabinet.

14th March, 1967.