## Legal Protection for vulnerable adults - Council conclusions (JHA Council, October 2008)

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"On the basis of the report submitted to it, the Council approves the following conclusions on the situation of vulnerable adults and their cross-border legal protection:

- (a) Member States which have already concluded that it would be in their interests to accede to the Hague Convention of 13 January 2000 on the International Protection of Vulnerable Adults are invited to begin as quickly as possible or actively to continue with procedures for its signature and/or ratification.
- (b) Member States which are still engaged in domestic consultations are invited to conclude those consultations as soon as possible.
- (c) The Commission is invited to follow closely experience with application of the Hague Convention of 13 January 2000 on the International Protection of Adults. The discussions in the Hague Conference and the Council of Europe¹ should also be borne in mind. If necessary, once sufficient experience has been acquired in operation of the Convention, discussions could be begun on the advisability of introducing additional measures at Community level."

Footnote 1 15446/05 JAI 488 RELEX 741.