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ALBANIA	The Management Council of the national Chamber of Advocacy adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct (decision No 685) on 7 th of June 2008.
ARMENIA	The Chamber of Advocates formally adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct on the 19 th April, 2008 and this applies to all members of the Chamber.
AUSTRIA	<p>The principles of the CCBE Code of Conduct are part of the Austrian professional rules. The Plenary of the Austrian Bar Association has adopted the revised CCBE Code of Conduct on 27 April 2008.</p> <p>Article XIV paragraph 2 of the "Richtlinien zur Ausübung des Rechtsanwaltsberufes, für die Überwachung der Pflichten des Rechtsanwaltes und für die Ausbildung der Rechtsanwaltsanwärter" (which is a part of the Austrian Code of Conduct) as adopted on 27 April 2007 states: "Bei grenzüberschreitender Tätigkeit im Sinne von Punkt 1.5 der Berufsregeln der Europäischen Rechtsanwälte in der Fassung vom 19 Mai 2006 untersteht der Rechtsanwalt auch diesen Berufsregeln in dieser Fassung." (Free translation: For cross-border activity in the sense of Article 1.5 of the CCBE Code of Conduct as adopted on 19th May 2006 the lawyer is also subject to these rules in this version.)</p> <p>The relevant national rules can be downloaded at the website address: http://www.rechtsanwaelte.at/www/getFile.php?id=81.</p>
BELGIUM	<p>OVB (ORDE VAN VLAAMSE BALIES) Le règlement de l'OVB a été adopté par l'assemblée générale de l'OVB le 31 janvier 2007 et a été publié au Moniteur belge du 21 février 2007. Il est entré en vigueur le 21 mai 2007. Le règlement est disponible sur : http://ccbe.ntc.be/fileadmin/user_upload/NTCdocument/code_ovb_nlpdf7_1187702095.pdf</p> <hr/> <p>OBFG (ORDRE DES BARREAUX FRANCOPHONES ET GERMANOPHONES) Le texte du Code a fait l'objet d'un règlement de l'OBFG le ratifiant. Celui-ci a été adopté par l'assemblée générale de l'OBFG le 13 novembre 2006. Il est entré en vigueur le 1er septembre 2006. Le règlement est disponible sur : http://www.avocat.be/gallery/documents/reglements/37.code-de-deontologie-c.c.b.e.-et-ratification-par-reglement.pdf</p>
BULGARIA	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct /1998 version/ was published in Bulgarian language in 2002.</p> <p>The CCBE Code of Conduct 2006 and the Charter of Core Principles of the Legal Profession are translated and published in the Attorneys' Review Bulgaria. The Bulgarian national Ethical Code is based entirely on the CCBE Code.</p>
CROATIA	The CCBE CoC has not been adopted by the Croatian Bar Association. Therefore, the CBA is planning to incorporate the CCBE CoC in its regulations. However, the majority of the provisions of the 2006 CCBE CoC are already contained in the Code of Conduct of the Croatian Bar Association.

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All the main principles of the CCBE code of conduct are part of the national Code of Conduct of the Cyprus Bar Association (CBA). When CBA revised the national rules in 2002, CBA took into consideration the CCBE code of conduct and integrated them since it was a pre-requisite for the membership in the CCBE.

Since they have been part of the national Code of Conduct of the CBA, they are binding for lawyer in Cyprus.

The 2006 version was not yet published in Cyprus. CBA has not yet adopted the 2006 version of the CCBE Code of Conduct.

**CZECH
REPUBLIC**

The CCBE Code of Conduct, as amended, is binding for the lawyers in the Czech Republic. The Czech Code of Conduct refers to the CCBE Code of Conduct in its Article 2, paragraph 2. According to this provision, the CCBE Code of Conduct applies for the international activities of the lawyers within the European Union. The Czech translation of the updated CCBE Code of Conduct was published in the Official Journal of the Bar the 19th December 2007.

The official name of the regulation adopting the CCBE Code of Conduct is:

a) in Czech: Usnesení představenstva České advokátní komory č. 1/1997 Věstníku ze dne 31. října 1996, kterým se stanoví pravidla soutěže advokátů České republiky (etický kodex), v platném znění.

b) in English: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Czech Bar Association No. 1/1997 of the Official Journal of the Bar dated 31st October 1996, which determines the Rules of Professional Conduct and the Rules of Competition of Lawyers of the Czech Republic Code of Conduct), as amended.

DENMARK

In accordance with the Regulations of the Danish Bar and Law Society the Board of the Society has adopted a Code of Good Conduct binding for all lawyers. To a wide extent the provisions are based upon the CCBE Code of Conduct, cf. Article 1.3.1 of the Code of Conduct for the Danish Bar and Law Society which states that 'The Code of Conduct is therefore extensively based on the Code adopted by the CCBE governing cross-border legal services within the EU.'; Article 1.4.2 which states that 'The Code of Conduct for Lawyers in the European Union adopted by the CCBE, and ratified by the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society on 11 March 1999 shall likewise apply to the cross-border activities of lawyers within the EU and finally Article 5.2.2 which states that "Concerning cooperation with lawyers from EU Member States who have adopted CCBE's Code of Conduct, lawyers are referred to that code". The provisions in the Code of Good Conduct are not binding for The Disciplinary Board deciding in cases of alleged violations of the Code of Good Conduct. The Disciplinary Board decides in accordance with the provisions in the Administration of Justice Act stating that lawyers must always act in accordance with good professional conduct. The Disciplinary Board may find that what is expressed in the Code of Good Conduct is not in accordance with what the Disciplinary Board perceive to be good professional conduct.

The CCBE Code of Conduct has the same status as the Code of Good Conduct. The Code of Conduct for Lawyers in the European Union adopted by the CCBE was first adopted by the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society on March 11th 1999. The CCBE Code of Conduct as amended at the Plenary Session in May 2006 was adopted by the General Council of the Danish Bar and Law Society on August 16th 2006, end entered into force as of October 1st 2006. Please notice that the link is to the page where you can open the document in a pdf document.

<http://www.advokatsamfundet.dk/Default.aspx?ID=11855>

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ESTONIA	The CBBE CoC 2006 has been formally adopted on the Annual General Meeting of the Estonian Bar by the Resolution no. 4 of 5th of March 2009.
FINLAND	According to the decision by the Ministry of Justice on the ratification of the By-Laws of the General Bar Association (Finnish Bar Association By-Laws) (29.10.04/934), on 11 January 2007 the delegation of the Finnish Bar Association adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct to bind members in cross-border advocacy.
FRANCE	<p>Le code CCBE est intégralement reproduit dans le Titre VI « Les RAPPORTS ENTRE AVOCATS APPARTENANT A DES BARREAUX DIFFERENTS » - Article 21 – « Code de déontologie des avocats européens » (Règlement intérieure national-RIN).</p> <p>Le règlement est disponible sur : http://www.cnb.avocat.fr/Reglement-Interieur-National-de-la-profession-d-avocat-RIN_a281.html?PHPSESSID=19fec9b1e13ffe81f5502c57bce39d6</p> <p>Le Code de CCBE ayant été intègre dans le RIN, il est obligatoire pour tous les avocats français. En cas de manquement à ses règles, une procédure disciplinaire peut être engagée devant les instances disciplinaires compétentes.</p>
FYRO Macedonia/ Republika Makedonija	<p>The principles of the CCBE Code of Conduct are incorporated in the Code of Professional Ethics of Lawyers, Associates and Lawyer's Apprentices of the Macedonian Bar Association.</p> <p>The last version of the Code of Ethics of Lawyers, Associates and Lawyer's Apprentices of the Macedonian Bar Association was adopted on the Macedonian Bar Association Annual Assemble held on 25.05.2007 and it is binding for all members of Macedonian Bar Association - lawyers, lawyer's apprentices and associates.</p>
GEORGIA	The Executive Council of the Georgian Bar Association has formally adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct on the 23rd. February 2008.
GERMANY	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct of 1988 was entirely implemented into the German professional rules for lawyers (<i>Berufsordnung</i>), however, with the reservation that the European Community Law, the German Constitutional Law and the German Statutes would prevail over the CCBE Code of Conduct rules in case of conflicting rules.</p> <p>The CCBE Code of Conduct of 2006 still needs to be implemented by the so called "Satzungsversammlung", which is the Statutory Assembly responsible for the Code of Ethics. The Satzungsversammlung has been newly composed in autumn 2007 and has started its work in January 2008. It has established a working group on under the presidency of Hans-Jürgen Hellwig, DAV vice-president and former president of the CCBE, which is working on the implementation of the Code of Conduct.</p> <p>The Statutory Assembly has a legislative function in the ambit foreseen by the Federal Lawyers' Act (BRAO). It is responsible for the drafting of the so called BORA, the National Code of Ethics for Lawyers (BORA), which implements the CCBE Code of Conduct into German law.</p>

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GREECE	The CCBE Code of Conduct revision 2006 has been adopted by the Plenary of Presidents of the Bar Associations of Greece on 11 May 2008. It has also been adopted by the Executive Council of the Athens Bar Associations according on 29 May 2008 and it applies to cross-border activities.
HUNGARY	The last revision of the CCBE Code of Conduct from 2006 has been published in Hungary. The CCBE Code is not officially binding in Hungary; however the Hungarian Code of Conduct for lawyers has been harmonized with the CCBE Code.
ICELAND	The CCBE Code of Conduct is not part of the national deontological rules, but all main principles of the CCBE Code of Conduct were incorporated into the Code of Conduct for the Icelandic Bar Association (from 1999). The revised version of the CCBE Code has been published in Iceland and is considered binding for the Bar members in all cross border activities.
IRELAND	<p>LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND</p> <p>The CCBE Code is not binding.</p> <p>It should be noted that in this jurisdiction the only specific rules with regard to professional conduct which have the force of law are those contained in legislation and regulations enacted under such legislation. However, there also exists a publication entitled “A Guide to Professional Conduct of Solicitors in Ireland” (2002). This sets out the principles of good conduct and demonstrates these principles in the context of practical situations. While not having the force of law, the Guide is considered to be a persuasive authority unless there is evidence to the contrary. In the context of discussion of conduct in international practice there is reference to the CCBE Code (version 1998) and it is included as an appendix to the Guide.</p> <p>Note that (regarding the proposed link to the Guide from 'List of National Codes of Conduct') this Guide is not the national Code of Conduct. It is a guideline drafted and published by the Law Society.</p> <p>Conducts in front of the Law Society of Ireland the link to the law applying to solicitors, which is the following: http://www.lawsociety.ie/displayCDACContent.aspx?node=553&groupID=553&code=complaints_handling</p> <p>BAR OF IRELAND</p> <p>The present Code of Conduct for the Bar of Ireland was drafted in advance of the issue of the current CCBE code of conduct. The Irish Code does not refer specifically to the CCBE code. The CCBE Code has been taken into account however in revising the current national code.</p> <p>The Bar of Ireland is not governed by Statute, but by a Code of Conduct/Disciplinary Code which is available on their website: www.lawlibrary.ie</p>
ITALY	The Consiglio Nazionale Forense on April 17, 2008 has adopted the last (2006) version of the CCBE Code.

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LATVIA	<p>The revision of 2006 of the CCBE Code of Conduct was published in the 2007 issue of "Dokumenti par advokaturas jautajumiem" (Documents on the Bar Issues), the annual compendium of documents substantial for attorneys, which is supplemented, updated and issued annually for the General Meeting of the Latvian Attorneys at Law and which makes it binding on the members of the Bar.</p> <p>The official regulation adopting the CCBE Code of Conduct is the 20 January 2004 Decision N° 7 of the Latvian Council of Attorneys at Law, pursuant to which joining of the Latvian Bar Association to the CCBE was supported and the CCBE Code of Conduct was adopted for implementation.</p>
LIECHTENSTEIN	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct in its version of 6 December 2002 is referred to in Sec.1 para 2 of the Code of Conduct (Standesrichtlinien) of the Liechtenstein Bar Association dated 5 May 1994 as amended on 24 March 2004 and applies to cross-border activities as defined in 1.5 of the CCBE Code of Conduct notwithstanding the provisions of European Community Law, Liechtenstein Constitutional Law, Statutes and Ordinances. Currently the Board of the Liechtenstein Bar Association is dealing with an update regarding the latest revision in 2006 and any further amendments in future. On 9 April 2008 the Plenary Session of the Liechtenstein Bar Association issued a resolution to establish a committee (working group) for amending and updating all relevant lawyer's provisions in Liechtenstein law and to work out drafted proposals to the Liechtenstein Government and Parliament. As part of this project also CCBE's CoC 2006 should be implemented into Liechtenstein law. The Working group is already established and works on the matter in periodical sessions. At the end of 2009 the relevant amendments to the lawyers' provisions in Liechtenstein law will be submitted to the Parliament.</p> <p>On 9 April 2008 the Plenary Session of the Liechtenstein Bar Association issued a resolution to establish a committee (working group) for amending and updating all relevant lawyer's provisions in Liechtenstein law and to work out drafted proposals to the Liechtenstein Government and Parliament. As part of this project also CCBE's CoC 2006 should be implemented into Liechtenstein law. Mr. Schneider, head of the Liechtenstein delegation, was elected as a member of this committee together with the President of the Liechtenstein Bar Association and several other Bar Members.</p> <p>The Plenary Session adopted the concepts and proposals of the committee's work. Mr. Schneider was appointed to draft the several provisions until the end of 2009 in order to file these amendments (including CoC 2006) to the Liechtenstein Parliament.</p>
LITHUANIA	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct was adopted in the Conference of Advocates in 03/26/2004 and all amendments to this Code are binding to Lithuanian advocates without any formal procedure. Furthermore the 2006 version of the CCBE Code of Conduct is binding for Lithuanian lawyers on their cross-border activities.</p>
LUXEMBOURG	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct is binding in Luxembourg. It is an integral part of the Rules of Procedure of the Bar Association. During its session on 29 November 2006, the Bar Council adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct, which is part of the internal rules of the Bar. See Titre 17. 2 of the Intern rules: (http://www.barreau.lu/2005/backoffice/uploaded_files/d16b360db7fd69a2d0d4901777c4fac/Memorial.pdf)</p>
MALTA	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct is not yet binding for Maltese lawyers. It is the state of law in Malta that the Council for the Administration of Justice that determines the applicability or otherwise of the norms relating to professional ethics and the regulation of advocates in the performance of their function. However current code in Malta reflects substantially the CCBE Code of Conduct.</p>
MOLDOVA	<p>The Moldovan Council of the Bar has adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct on July 15, 2007.</p>

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MONTENEGRO	The CCBE Code of Conduct is translated and sent to lawyers. The coordination of the National Code (Kodeks profesionalne etike) with the CCBE CoC will be done on the occasion of the Assembly meeting which will be held in December 2008.
NETHERLANDS	The Netherlands Bar only published the CCBE Code of Conduct in its annual yearbook and on its websites, both in Dutch and English. The Assembly of Delegates of the Netherlands Bar Association on the 3rd of December 2008 approved the amendment to its national Code of Conduct, whereby the article 39 implemented from the 1st of January 2009 the revised CCBE Code of Conduct 2006 as far as it regards cross-border activities of a lawyer within the European Union and the European Economic Area.
NORWAY	The CCBE Code of Conduct is currently binding in its revision of 2002. The national rules are partially harmonised to the CCBE rules. The revised CCBE Code of Conduct from 2006 has not yet been adopted and therefore has not been published. The revised Code has been presented to the Deontology Committee of the Norwegian Bar Association. The Committee has stated that the revised rules are not in conflict with Norwegian national Code. Before the revised Code becomes binding to Norwegian Lawyers it has to be accepted by the Bar's Supervisory Board. The Norwegian Bar Association Supervisory Board will hopefully accept the 2006 CCBE CoC in its meeting in May/June 2010.
POLAND	POLISH BAR COUNCIL The CCBE Code of Conduct is binding for the members of the Polish Bar as a part of soft law. The last amendments of the Polish Code of Conduct were done in November 2005. The provisions of the CCBE CoC and the Polish one are comparable and parallel. The Commission of Professional Responsibilities and Ethics has finished its work and it is in calendar on the Plenary Session of the Polish Bar Council to be held on April 2009 in Warsaw where the CCBE CoC 2006 will be implemented. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LEGAL ADVISERS At present, Polish legal advisers comply with CCBE rules in their national and cross-border practice, because of accepting new principles of ethics of legal advisers, which were elaborated, among others, on the basis of CCBE Code of Conduct. A decision on formal approval of CCBE Code of Conduct will be recognized by the next National Assembly of Legal Advisers on the basis of Article 57 section 7 of Act on Legal Advisers. The next National Assembly of Legal Advisers will take place in 2011.
PORTUGAL	CCBE's Code of Conduct is binding on Portuguese lawyers. Portuguese version of the CCBE's Code of Conduct was passed by the General Council of the Bar Association in the meeting held on the 13 th June 2007, and published in the official journal - Diário da República 27 th December 2007 - Bar Association Decision n.º 2511/2007, of 27 th December. The Code of Conduct for European Lawyers/ Código de Deontologia dos Advogados Europeus, has entered into force at national level on the 1 st of January of 2008.
ROMANIA	In accordance with the decision taken on the 27 th of October 2007 by the Permanent Commission of the National Association of Romanian Bars, the CCBE Code of Conduct has been adopted as Code of Conduct of the Romanian Lawyer, starting with the 1 st of January 2008. As such, the Code has been put forward to all Romanian bars and published on the site of the RBA.

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SERBIA	<p>The actual Ministry of Justice appointed a Working group with the task to prepare new draft of Law on Advocacy. The Serbian Bar has three members in the Working Group. The Serbian Bar is preparing a draft of a new Code of Conduct (the Code of the Professional Ethics of Lawyers in Serbia). In that aim the Governing Board appointed specific Commission which is going to deal with this very important issue. The Commission is planning to adopt the CCBE Code of Conduct 2006.</p> <p>The new Act of Advocacy will be adopted by Serbian Parliament at the end of 2008. The new Code of the Professional Ethics of Lawyers in Serbia will be adopted by Bar Assembly at the end of 2008 as well.</p>
SLOVAKIA	<p>The principles of the 2006 CCBE Code of Conduct are part of the Slovak professional rules (Rules of professional conduct for lawyers). Their content is very similar, the rules were adopted by the Conference of lawyers on 16 June 2007 and they are binding for all lawyers in the country.</p> <p>The provision of National Code which certifies the implementation of the CCBE CoC 2006 shall be presented to the next General Assembly of the Slovak Bar Association. This authority is the supreme body, bringing together all lawyers, and is convened at least once every three years (next year-2010). It elects the members of the other governing bodies, approves the Code of Conduct and may also amend resolutions adopted by the Bar Council, documents and regulations of the Bar.</p>
SLOVENIA	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct 2006 was adopted in Slovenia in the way that the principles and many of the rules as set out in the CCBE Code of Conduct 2006 are included in the Slovenian national Code, harmonised with the CCBE CoC 2006 by the Assembly of the Slovenian Bar Association as an official act. In case of any discrepancy the CCBE CoC 2006 shall prevail.</p>
SPAIN	<p>Spanish national Code of Conduct does not refer to the 2006 CCBE Code of Conduct since there has been no update from the Spanish Code after 2002. The adoption of the 2006 Code of Conduct will be an item for the next revision of the National Code; however no date can be foreseen.</p>
SWEDEN	<p>The Swedish Bar Association formally adopted the revised CCBE Code of Conduct for European Lawyers at its Board meeting on 06.03.2008. The English version of the CCBE CoC and the Charter is published in the revised set of rules for Swedish lawyers. The binding force of the CCBE CoC 2006 for Swedish lawyers in cross border cases is a direct effect of this Board decision and is also stated in the preamble of the rules applicable for Swedish lawyers. The new set of rules of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Swedish Bar Association entered into force 1 January 2009. Please, consult the link : http://www.advokatsamfundet.se/Documents/Advokatsamfundet_sv/Advokatetik/Etikboken.pdf</p>
SWITZERLAND	<p>Switzerland has chosen a dynamic implementation (Convention of 1990/1991). Every change made to the CCBE Code of Conduct is immediately implemented at national level. Consequently the 2006 version of the CCBE Code of Conduct is binding for Swiss lawyers in their cross-border activities.</p>
TURKEY	<p>The CCBE Code of Conduct (CoC) version 2006 is translated into Turkish and is found at the Turkish Bar website. The CCBE CoC 2006 is cited among the legislation the Turkish lawyers should observe. It will be integrated into law regarding lawyers and relevant changes are being carried out. However, it will not be taken as whole. Some of the issues are already in Turkish legislation.</p> <p>There is no foreseen date when the changes and integration will be finished.</p>

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KINGDOM****LAW SOCIETY OF ENGLAND AND WALES /SOLICITORS REGULATION AUTHORITY**

The CCBE Code of Conduct is binding on solicitors of England and Wales in their European cross-border activities. The Council of the Law Society of England and Wales adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct in 1988. In September 1990 the Code became binding by way of rule 16 of the Solicitors' Practice Rules 1990 and rule 4 of the Solicitors' Overseas Practice Rules 1990. The rules have been amended from time to time to accord with the successive amendments to the CCBE Code. The most recent amendments were on 12 January 2007 to reflect the 2006 revision of the CCBE Code, on 1 July 2007 when the former rules were replaced by rule 16 of the Solicitors' Code of Conduct 2007, and on 4 March 2008 to allow for the CCBE's new category of associate membership.

BAR OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The CCBE Code of Conduct is binding. The CCBE Code is part of the Bar's Code of Conduct and Barristers are required to obey it unless would be inconsistent with the provisions of the Bar's Code.

Bar Standards Board of the Bar Council of England and Wales has approved the amended CCBE Code. Date of adoption 25 January 2007.

LAW SOCIETY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

CCBE Code of Conduct is binding.

The Law Society of Northern Ireland adopted the CCBE Code, by incorporating it into its Solicitors Practice Regulations 1987, by the Cross Border Code of Conduct Regulations 2006. These latter Regulations became effective from 31st December 2006.

BAR COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The CCBE Code of Conduct does not have precedence over local rules. It is published as an annexe and is taken to cover the basic issues for maintenance of a liberal, learned, legal profession.

LAW SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND

The CCBE Code of Conduct is binding on Scottish solicitors in their cross-border work. The provision which bring into force the CCBE Code is the Solicitors (Scotland) (Cross-Border Code of Conduct) Practice Rules 2003. These rules were made by the Law Society of Scotland under general provisions contained in the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 to regulate the profession. They are therefore subordinate legislation and have the same status as other practice rules made by the Society for Scottish solicitors. They are binding on Scottish solicitors and failure to obey the Solicitors (Scotland) (Cross-Border code of Conduct) Practice Rules 2003 can result in disciplinary proceedings, which could ultimately lead to striking off by the Scottish Solicitors Discipline Tribunal.

FACULTY OF ADVOCATES

The CCBE Code of Conduct is not binding so far as the Faculty of Advocates is concerned.

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Union of advocates of Ukraine (UAU) has adopted the CCBE Code of Conduct on 21 November .1997. All the main provisions of CCBE Code of Conduct are duly reflected in the Rules of advocate's ethics. Union of advocates of Ukraine finalized the draft of the rules in 1999 and after that the Supreme qualifying commission of the Bar under the special power given by the special order of the President of Ukraine had adopted those rules on 1 October 1999 as binding for all the advocates of Ukraine.

As to the CCBE Code of conduct version 2006 UAU is planning to discuss amendments contained therein at the conference dedicated to advocates ethics to be held in 16-17 May 2008 in Odessa and probably UAU may initiate changes to Ukrainian Rules if necessary, however it is a controversial issue legal wise whether Supreme qualifying commission of the Bar has a power to make amendments to the Rules.