

Monaco

Monaco has declared that it does not have the intention to ratify the Transport Protocol because of absence of relevance for the country⁵⁷.

Slovenia

In Slovenia, up to now, no official proposal from the Government has been submitted to the Parliament regarding the ratification of the Transport Protocol. However, at the occasion of the last Alpine Conference in November 2002, the Slovenian Environment Minister stated that Slovenia is about to ratify all nine protocols to the Alpine Convention⁵⁸.

Switzerland

In Switzerland, the implementing Protocols of the Alpine Convention meet more opposition. With a proposal dating from 19 December 2001, the Swiss Government asked the Federal Assembly to ratify in one single package all eight implementing Protocols as well as the Dispute Settlement Protocol⁵⁹. On 11 March 2003, the Council of States, the smaller of the two Chambers of the Federal Assembly, refused to ratify the package as a whole and sent the file back to the preparing Committee. Now, the Committee has been asked to assess if it could recommend a successive ratification of individual Protocols, specially the Transport Protocol⁶⁰.

3.3.3. Tail ender: the European Community

The European Community is the only contracting party which has not even signed the Transport Protocol. At the 6th Alpine Conference in Lucerne in autumn 2000, when the Transport Protocol was signed by most of the other contracting parties, the Commission was notable by its absence. In any case, it would have been "unable to add its signature

⁵⁷ "Ratifizierungsprozess ist unumkehrbar", (2002) 67 CIPRA Info 9.

⁵⁸ Press release from the Slovenian Press Agency STA (Slovenska Tiskovna Agencija) from 20 November 2002.

⁵⁹ Bundesrat der Schweizerischen Eidgenossenschaft, *Botschaft zur Ratifizierung der Protokolle zum Übereinkommen zum Schutz der Alpen (Alpenkonvention) vom 19.12.2001*, Bundesblatt 2002 III 2922.

⁶⁰ "Eine kleine Wende beim Alpenschutz", *Neue Zürcher Zeitung (NZZ)*, 12 March 2003, p.13; see as well "Schweiz: Alpenkonvention kommt nicht vom Fleck", (2003) 10 alpMedia News 3.