



United Nations  
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## Why a Global Convention is needed?

- **Recognition (not automatic) as a Right**
  - The right to have foreign qualifications evaluated
  - The right to transparent, reliable and non-discriminatory procedures conducted within a reasonable timeframe
  - The burden of proof placed on the recognition authority
  - Recognition (not automatic) of qualifications for individuals without proper documentation (refugees and displaced persons)
  - The right to appeal
- **International Consistency in Recognition Processes**
  - Transparent information of quality assurance processes for HE
  - Open mechanisms for information about higher education institutions and programs
  - Trust building between different national institutions and competent recognition authorities
  - Greater shared understanding of fair and reasonable processes and procedures for recognition
  - Capacity building in processes
- **Recognition as an enabler for the quality enhancement of higher education**
  - Retaining and attracting talent to higher education systems
  - Facilitating knowledge and skills transfer across borders
  - Increasing the quality of research and innovation capacities
  - Improving the quality of teaching and learning in HEIs
  - Improving graduate competencies
- **Raising the Profile and Importance of Recognition**
  - The High-level focus on the importance of recognition will serve as an indicator of standards of higher education of the Member State

## What will the adoption of the Global Convention enable?

- Promoting international cooperation in higher education and research
- Enhancing the quality of higher education provision
- Providing greater opportunities for cultural intelligence, dialogue and peace building
- Supporting sustainable development of knowledge societies