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Unit 10th: European countries with predominantly Orthodox majority (part C)

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Unit Contents

1. European countries with predominantly

   Orthodox majority (part D)

Unit Objectives

- General understanding of the Church

  and state relations in European

  countries with predominantly

  Orthodox majority.

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European countries with predominantly Orthodox majority (part D)

The right to acquire legal personality (1/4)

- The right of denominations and their institutions to acquire the status of a legal entity → **Greece**.

The right to acquire legal personality (2/4)

- The right of denominations and their institutions to acquire the status of a legal entity → **Moldova**.

The right to acquire legal personality (3/4)

- The right of denominations and their institutions to acquire the status of a legal entity → **Russian Federation**.

The right to acquire legal personality (4/4)

- The right of denominations and their institutions to acquire the status of a legal entity → **Ukraine**.

Religious discriminations

- Religious discriminations in favor of stately supported Orthodox Churches and against other denominations in countries of the Orthodox cultural area, as defense of national and religious identity vis-à-vis foreign cultural influence or safeguard of national interest.

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Principles

- The principle of **identification of national identity with the orthodox identity** of the majority of a societal population.

- The principle of **prohibition of multiple religious organizations** having the **same faith basis**.

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Traditional or historic denominations

- In addition to these stately supported Orthodox Churches, the states concerned recognize other traditional or historic denominations in their societies (Cyprus, FYROM, Montenegro, Belarus, Bulgaria, Russian Federation, Serbia, Greece).

- Some states avoid recognizing either by their Constitutions or by laws any traditional or historic religion, other than Orthodox Church (Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine).

Regulation of legal personality

- Procedure of regulation of legal personality for religious denominations in the various countries of the Orthodox cultural area.

Reference Note

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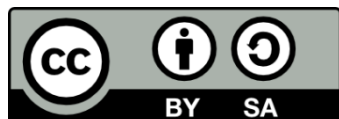
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