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RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
(AS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
ON 14 MARCH 2020)**

**RELATED TO THE EXECUTION IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
OF DECISIONS BY INTERSTATE BODIES**

(Unofficial Translation)

Article 79

[...]

Decisions of interstate bodies adopted on the basis of provisions of international treaties of the Russian Federation, where construed in a manner contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, shall not be subject to enforcement in the Russian Federation.

Article 125

1. The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall be the highest judicial organ of constitutional review in the Russian Federation, exercising judicial authority through constitutional adjudication for the purpose of protecting the fundamentals of the constitutional system and fundamental human and citizen rights and freedoms and ensuring the supremacy and direct effect of the Constitution of the Russian Federation throughout the whole territory of the Russian Federation. The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall consist of 11 judges, including the President of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation and his or her deputy.

[...]

5¹ The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation: [...]

b) shall, in accordance with the procedure stipulated by the federal constitutional law, resolve matters concerning the possibility of enforcing decisions of interstate bodies adopted on the basis of provisions of international treaties of the Russian Federation, where construed in a manner contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, as well as matters concerning the possibility of enforcing a decision of a foreign or an international (interstate) court, foreign or international arbitration tribunal or authority, which imposes on the Russian Federation obligations, if this decision is contrary to the fundamentals of the public legal order of the Russian Federation.”

[...]

8. The Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation shall exercise other powers stipulated by the federal constitutional law.