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A. Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to treaty interpretation

The EU-regulation (especially directives) could be seen as practice affecting the interpretation of international agreements.

The interpretation of conventions can for example be affected when organs supervising the implementation of human rights treaties give conclusions and recommendations concerning conventions and the governments in their turn engage in discussions with these organs. Finland has, together with international supervision organs, discussed among other things the term "due diligence" and the responsibility of states in relation to violence against women. These discussions have partly formed the national interpretation and even affected the legislation and political programs. Likewise discussions regarding minorities have had effect on national interpretation.