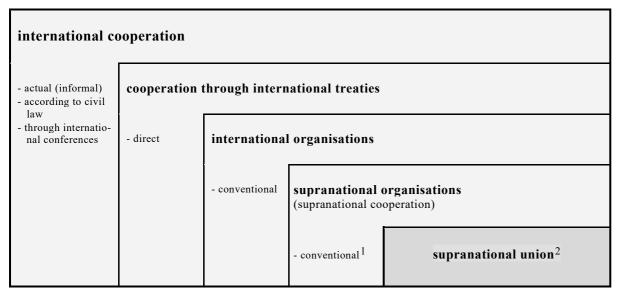
## RULE OF LAW AND PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

concering § 1 I International cooperation, supranational cooperation and integration in the world order of states

## Diagram 1 Forms of international cooperation, supranational cooperation and integration



= form of organisation implying integration

↓ (is always)	↑ (can be)
confederation	
(e.g. Switzerland before 1848, USA before 1787/88, German Confederation)	

state			
federal state		unitary state	
federal state with strong federated states (e.g. Switzerland)	unitary federal state (e.g. Austria)	strongly decentralised unitary state (e.g. Spain)	centralist unitary state (e.g. GB, DK)

E.g. the European Communities at the beginning, river commissions.
Until now only the European Union; other proposed classifications: "Staatenverbund" ("compound of states"), "Staaten- und Verfassungsverbund", state without sovereignty.