

ARTICLE XVII

ANNEX

The Annexes form an integral part of this Convention, and unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this Convention includes its Annexes.

ARTICLE XVIII

SIGNATURE

This Convention shall be open for signature for all States before its entry into force.

ARTICLE XIX

RATIFICATION

This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States according to their constitutional procedures.

ARTICLE XX

ACCESSION

Any State that does not sign this Convention before its entry into force shall have the right to accede to it at any time.

ANNEX I: VERIFICATION ANNEX

ARTICLE XXI

DEPOSITARY

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the depositary of this Convention.

ARTICLE XXII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the date the depositary receives the ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or signature of a sufficient number of States to ensure the effective implementation of its provisions, whichever date is the later.

2. For States whose ratification, acceptance, approval or accession is deposited with the depositary after the date of entry into force of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the date of deposit of their ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

ARTICLE XXIII

LANGUAGES AND AUTHENTIC TEXTS

The Convention shall be drawn up in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and the five texts shall be equally authentic. Any discrepancy between the texts shall be resolved by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.