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Review conferences

1. Five years after the entry into force of this Convention, or earlier if it is requested by a majority of Parties to the Convention by submitting a proposal to this effect to the Depository, a conference of States Parties to the Convention should be held at Geneva, Switzerland, to review the operation of the Convention, with a view to assuring that the purposes of the Convention are being realized. Such review should take into account any new scientific and technological developments relevant to the Convention. Proposed amendments to the Convention could also be considered at the conference.
2. Further review conferences should be held at intervals of five years thereafter, and at other times if requested by a majority of the States Parties to this Convention.

Comments

- Some delegations considered it premature to suggest time-frames for meetings of review conferences.
- A delegation suggested that the last sentence in paragraph 1 should be put in element XIV.