

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the Signatories. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government of the Republic of Korea, which shall be the Depositary. The Depositary shall inform all Signatories and all Contracting Parties of all ratifications, acceptances or approvals deposited and perform such other functions as are provided for in the 1969 *Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties* and customary international law

Article 24

Accession

1. This Convention shall be open for accession by the States referred to in Article 23, paragraph 1.
2. After the entry into force of this Convention, the Contracting Parties may, by consensus, invite to accede to this Convention:
 - (a) other States or regional economic integration organizations whose fishing vessels wish to conduct fishing activities for fisheries resources in the Convention Area; and
 - (b) other coastal States of the Convention Area.
3. Any Contracting Party that does not join the consensus in relation to paragraph 2 shall present to the Commission in writing its reasons for not doing so.
4. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary. The Depositary shall inform all Signatories and all Contracting Parties of all accessions.

Article 25

Entry into Force

1. This Convention shall enter into force one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of receipt by the Depositary of the fourth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
2. For Contracting Parties that have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in respect of this Convention after the requirements for entry into force have been met but prior to the date of entry into force, the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall take effect on the date of entry into force of this Convention or thirty (30) days after the date of deposit of the instrument, whichever is the later date.
3. For Contracting Parties that have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date on which this Convention entered into force, this Convention shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of deposit of the instrument.