

XV. SIGNATURE

This Convention shall be open for signature for all States before its entry into force at (venue). 1/ 2/

XVI. RATIFICATION

This Convention shall be subject to ratification by States signatories according to their respective constitutional processes.

XVII. ACCESSION

Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force may accede to it at any time. 3/

XVIII. DEPOSITARY 4/

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Convention and shall:

1. promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or of accession and the date of the entry into force of this Convention, and of the receipt of other notices. The Depositary shall immediately upon receipt transmit any notices required by this Convention to every Party;
2. transmit duly certified copies of this Convention to the Governments of all signatory and acceding States;
3. register this Convention pursuant to Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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1/ One delegation expressed the view that the Convention should be open for signature indefinitely.

2/ One delegation was of the view that this Article and the following Articles related to ratification, accession, deposit of instruments and entry into force should be contained under one Article.

3/ One delegation expressed a view that accession would not be necessary.

4/ It is to be discussed if other functions might be entrusted to the Depositary with regard to the special needs of the Convention.