

ARTICLE XXIX**Ratification, Acceptance or Approval**

This Convention is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatories in accordance with their domestic laws and procedures.

ARTICLE XXX**Accession**

This Convention shall remain open to accession by any State or regional economic integration organization:

- (a) that meets the requirements of Article XXVII of this Convention; or
- (b) whose vessels fish for fish stocks covered by this Convention, following consultations with the Parties; or
- (c) that is otherwise invited to accede on the basis of a decision by the Parties.

ARTICLE XXXI**Entry into Force**

1. This Convention shall enter into force fifteen (15) months after the deposit with the Depositary of the seventh instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession of the Parties to the 1949 Convention that were Parties to that Convention on the date this Convention was opened for signature.
2. After the date of entry into force of this Convention, with respect to each State or regional economic integration organization that meets the requirements of Article XXVII or Article XXX, this Convention shall enter into force for said State or regional economic integration organization on the thirtieth (30th) day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession.
3. Upon entry into force of this Convention, this Convention shall prevail, as between Parties to this Convention and the 1949 Convention, over the 1949 Convention.