

ARTICLE 19

Withdrawal

1. At any time after four years from the date on which this Convention has entered into force for a Party, that Party may withdraw from the Convention by giving written notification to the Depository.
2. Except as may be provided in any protocol, at any time after four years from the date on which such protocol has entered into force for a party, that party may withdraw from the protocol by giving written notification to the Depository.
3. Any such withdrawal shall take effect upon expiry of one year after the date of its receipt by the Depository, or on such later date as may be specified in the notification of the withdrawal.
4. Any Party which withdraws from this Convention shall be considered as also having withdrawn from any protocol to which it is party.

ARTICLE 20

Depository

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall assume the functions of depositary of this Convention and any protocols.
2. The Depository shall inform the Parties, in particular, of:
 - (a) the signature of this Convention and of any protocol, and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with articles 13 and 14;
 - (b) the date on which the Convention and any protocol will come into force in accordance with article 17;
 - (c) notifications of withdrawal made in accordance with article 19;
 - (d) amendments adopted with respect to the Convention and any protocol, their acceptance by the parties and their date of entry into force in accordance with article 9;
 - (e) all communications relating to the adoption and approval of annexes and to the amendment of annexes in accordance with article 10;
 - (f) notifications by regional economic integration organizations of the extent of their competence with respect to matters governed by this Convention and any protocols, and of any modifications thereof.
 - (g) declarations made in accordance with article 11, paragraph 3.