

3. (a) The text of any proposed amendment shall be communicated to the [Depositary] [Director-General of the Technical Secretariat] not less than ... [days, months] prior to a regular session of the [General Conference] [Consultative Committee] and shall be promptly communicated by him to all States Parties.

(b) Proposed amendments shall be discussed at the nearest regular session of the [General Conference] [Consultative Committee] and may be adopted at its next regular session. This does not preclude the [General Conference] [Consultative Committee] from taking a decision, by a two-thirds majority of the States Parties present and voting, to convene a special session to discuss and adopt the proposed amendments. 1/

4. Adopted amendments shall be subject to acceptance [ratification] by States Parties according to their constitutional processes and shall enter into force for all States Parties upon the deposit of instruments of acceptance [ratification] with the Depositary by:

(a) all States Parties as regards amendments to the provisions listed in paragraph 2 (b) above,

(b) a [qualified] majority of States Parties as regards amendments to provisions not mentioned in paragraph 2 (b) above,

(c) a simple majority of States Parties, as regards other provisions,

(d) original States Parties

- or as an alternative to paragraphs 3 (b) and 4 above -

Amendments shall enter into force for Parties ratifying or acceding to them on the thirtieth day following the deposit of instruments of ratification of accession by a majority of the Parties to the Convention and thereafter for each remaining Party on the thirtieth day following the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession.

5. The provisions of this article do not affect the special amendment procedures provided for in relevant parts of this Convention.

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1/ It is to be discussed whether sessions of the General Conference or Review Conferences are appropriate forums in which to consider amendments to the Convention.