

*Article XXI*

(1) The present Convention is of unlimited duration. However, any Contracting Party may denounce it at any time after the date of its entry into force under Article 20 thereof.

(2) The denunciation shall be notified by an instrument in writing, deposited with the Secretary General of the Council.

(3) The denunciation shall take effect six months after the receipt of the instrument of denunciation by the Secretary General of the Council.

*Article XXII*

(1) The Contracting Parties meeting in conformity with Article 17 of the present Convention may recommend amendments thereto.

(2) The text of any amendment so recommended shall be communicated by the Secretary General of the Council to all Contracting Parties, to all other signatory States, to the Secretary General of the United Nations and to the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

(3) Within a period of six months from the date on which the recommended amendment is so communicated, any Contracting Party may inform the Secretary General of the Council:

(a) that it has an objection to the recommended amendment, or

(b) that, although it intends to accept the recommended amendment, the conditions necessary for such acceptance are not yet fulfilled in its country.

(4) If a Contracting Party sends the Secretary General of the Council a communication as provided for in paragraph 3 (b) of this Article, it may, so long as it has not notified the Secretary General of its acceptance of the recommended amendment, submit an objection to that amendment within a period of nine months following the expiry of the six-month period referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.

(5) If an objection to the recommended amendment is stated in accordance with the terms of paragraph 3 or 4 of this Article, the amendment shall be deemed not to have been accepted and shall be of no effect.

(6) If no objection to the recommended amendment in accordance with paragraph 3 or 4 of this Article has been stated, the amendment shall be deemed to have been accepted as from the date specified below:

(a) if no Contracting Party has sent a communication in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of this Article, on the expiry of the period of six months referred to in paragraph 3;

(b) if any Contracting Party has sent a communication in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of this Article, on the earlier of the following two dates:

(i) the date by which all the Contracting Parties which sent such communications have notified the Secretary General of the Council of their acceptance of the recommended amendment, provided that, if all the acceptances were notified before the expiry of the