

- (b) the rights of a Contracting Party to manage its national research programs;
 - (c) other international agreements, bilateral or multilateral, to which Contracting Parties are party.
2. Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as authorizing the Organization to regulate the activities of the Contracting Parties.

Article XIII

Signature and Ratification, Acceptance or Approval

1. The Convention shall be open for signature at Ottawa, Canada, from March 1, 1991 until December 31, 1991 by Canada, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America.
2. The Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by the signatory states in accordance with their domestic laws and procedures. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government of Canada, which shall act as the Depository.

Article XIV

Entry into Force and Accession

1. The Convention shall enter into force sixty days after the date on which three of the signatory states have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Depository.
2. After the Convention has entered into force, it shall be open for accession by any non-signatory state. States desiring to accede to the Convention may so notify the Depository which shall notify the Contracting Parties. In the absence of a written objection by a Contracting Party within 90 days of receipt of such notification, a state may accede by deposit of an instrument of accession with the Depository and accession shall take effect sixty days following deposit.