

ARTICLE XVIII

ANNEXES

The Annexes form an integral part of this Convention, and unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this Convention includes its Annexes.

ARTICLE XIX

SIGNATURE

This Convention shall be open for signature for all States before its entry into force.

ARTICLE XX

RATIFICATION

This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States according to their constitutional processes.

ARTICLE XXI

ACCESSION

Any State that does not sign this Convention before its entry into force shall have the right to accede to it at any time.

ARTICLE XXII

DEPOSITARY

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Convention.

ARTICLE XXIII

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Convention shall enter into force two years after the date the Convention becomes open for signature or 30 days after the date of deposit of the sixtieth instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval, whichever date is the later.
2. For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry into force of the Convention, it shall enter into force 30 days after the date of deposit of their instrument of ratification or accession.

ARTICLE XXIV

LANGUAGES AND AUTHENTIC TEXTS

This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.