

Article XVI: Languages, authentic texts, depositary, registration

Commentary

(a) There is a general agreement that the Secretary-General of the United Nations should be designated as the Depositary.

(b) The view was expressed that all functions of the Depositary should be dealt with in one place.

(c) It is also to be further discussed whether to place relevant provisions within the framework of Article XV, XVI or a separate article might be needed.

(d) Provisions for languages, authentic texts and registration as given below, were not objected.

Possible wording for Article XVI

1. 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 hereby designated as the Depositary, who shall send duly certified copies thereof to the Governments of all signatory and acceding States.

2. The Depositary shall promptly inform all signatory and acceding States of the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession and the date of entry into force of the Convention and of amendments thereto [any notice of withdrawal and of the date when the latter takes effect], [and of the notification specified in Article XIV, para.3]. 1/

3. This Convention shall be registered by the Depositary in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at ...

- or alternatively -

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1. Depositary 1/

(a) The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Convention and shall:

(1) notify all signatory and acceding States of;

(a) the date of each signature, and the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession;

1/ It is to be discussed if other functions might be entrusted to the Depositary with regard to the special needs of the Convention.