

(b) Any Contracting State availing itself of this right of derogation shall promptly inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the measures which it has thus adopted and of the reasons therefor. It shall also inform him as and when the measures cease to operate.

Article 12

Any dispute between any two or more Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of the present Convention which is not settled by negotiations shall be referred to the International Court of Justice for decision unless the Contracting States agree to another mode of settlement.

Article 13

(a) The present Convention shall be open for signature to all State Members of the United Nations, to every State invited to the United Nations Conference on Freedom of Information held at Geneva in 1948, and to every other State which the General Assembly may declare to be eligible.

(b) The present Convention shall be ratified by the States signatory hereto in conformity with their respective constitutional processes. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 14

(a) The present Convention shall be open for accession to the States referred to in paragraph (a) of Article 13.

(b) Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 15

(a) The present Convention shall come into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession.

(b) For each State ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the sixth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force thirty days after the deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 16

The provisions of the present Convention shall extend to or be applicable equally to a signatory metropolitan State and to all the territories, be they non-self-governing, trust or colonial territories, which are being administered or governed by such metropolitan State.

Article 17

(a) Any Contracting State may denounce the present Convention by notification of denunciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(b) Denunciation shall take effect six months after the date of receipt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the notification of denunciation.