

PROVISIONS

Preparatory Commission

1. For the purpose of carrying out the necessary preparations for the effective operation of the provisions of the Convention and for preparing for the first session of the Conference of the States Parties, the Depositary of the Convention shall convene a Preparatory Commission not later than 120 days after the Convention has been signed by (to be determined further).
2. The Preparatory Commission shall be composed of nine States which sign the Convention before its entry into force. Each signatory State shall name one representative in the Preparatory Commission, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisors.
3. The Commission shall be convened at ... and remain in session until the first session of the Conference of the States Parties has convened.
4. The members of the Commission shall be set by the States signatory to the Convention, participating in the Commission, (in accordance with the United Nations scale of assessment, adjusted to take into account differences between the United Nations membership and the participation of states signatory to the Convention).
5. All decisions of the Preparatory Commission should be taken by consensus. If notwithstanding the agreement of all members of the Preparatory Commission shall defer the vote for 24 hours and during this period of 24 hours no member shall make any objection to the proposal of consensus, and thereafter by the Commission again at the end of this period of 24 hours if no objection has been made by 20 States, the Commission shall take decisions on questions of procedure by a simple majority of the members present and voting. Decisions of consensus of substance shall be taken by two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. Where the issues involved are whether the question of right of veto of any one country shall be treated as a general situation or a case of specific application the Commission by three-quarters' request for and procedure shall be suspended.
6. The Commission shall:
 - (a) adopt its own official, which are conditions of procedure, determine the place of meeting, seek to obtain necessary personnel establish such council as it deems useful;
 - (b) appoint an executive secretary and staff to exercise such functions as the Commission may determine, prior to establishing a provisional secretariat;
 - (c) decisions on the Commission should be contained in a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly concerning the convention to be adopted by the signatory countries associated with the convention;
 - (d) It has also been proposed that decisions should be taken by consensus only.