

2. Amendments to this Convention by the Commission shall be adopted by the Contracting Parties by consensus. The text of any amendments so adopted shall be transmitted by the Depository to all Contracting Parties.

3. An amendment shall take effect for all Contracting Parties one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of transmittal specified in the notification by the Depository of receipt of written notification of approval by all Contracting Parties.

4. Any State or regional economic integration organization that becomes a Contracting Party to this Convention after an amendment has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be deemed to have approved that amendment.

*Article 30*

*Annex*

The Annex shall form an integral part of this Convention and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this Convention includes a reference to the Annex.

*Article 31*

*Withdrawal*

1. Any Contracting Party may withdraw from the Convention on 31 December of any year by giving notice on or before the preceding 30 June to the Depository, which shall communicate copies of such notice to other Contracting Parties.

2. Any other Contracting Party may then withdraw from the Convention on the same 31 December by giving notice to the Depository within one month of receipt of a copy of a notice of withdrawal given pursuant to paragraph 1.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Tokyo, on this twenty-fourth day of February 2012, in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.