

Article 11: Amendments

1. Any State Party may propose amendments to the Convention at any time, provided that the proposal is submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in writing and is accompanied by a statement of the reasons therefor. The proposal shall be placed on the agenda of the next session of the Conference of the Parties, which shall decide whether or not to accept the proposal for consideration at the next session or at a later session. If the Conference of the Parties decides to accept the proposal, it shall refer the proposal to the Working Group on Amendments, which shall report to the Conference of the Parties at its next session. The Working Group shall consist of representatives of the States Parties, elected by the Conference of the Parties for a period of two years, and shall meet at least once a year. The Working Group shall have the authority to recommend amendments to the Convention, subject to the approval of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Any amendment to the Convention shall be adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the States Parties present and voting at the Conference of the Parties, provided that the amendment is not a technical amendment. If the amendment is a technical amendment, it shall be adopted by a majority of the States Parties present and voting at the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties shall decide whether or not to accept the amendment for adoption at the next session or at a later session. If the Conference of the Parties decides to accept the amendment, it shall refer the amendment to the Working Group on Amendments, which shall report to the Conference of the Parties at its next session. The Working Group shall consist of representatives of the States Parties, elected by the Conference of the Parties for a period of two years, and shall meet at least once a year. The Working Group shall have the authority to recommend amendments to the Convention, subject to the approval of the Conference of the Parties.
3. The amendments shall enter into force for the States Parties which have accepted them on the date of their adoption by the Conference of the Parties, and for the other States Parties on the date of their acceptance by the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties shall decide whether or not to accept the amendment for adoption at the next session or at a later session. If the Conference of the Parties decides to accept the amendment, it shall refer the amendment to the Working Group on Amendments, which shall report to the Conference of the Parties at its next session. The Working Group shall consist of representatives of the States Parties, elected by the Conference of the Parties for a period of two years, and shall meet at least once a year. The Working Group shall have the authority to recommend amendments to the Convention, subject to the approval of the Conference of the Parties.
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