

XVII. ACCESSION

Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force may accede to it at any time. 1/

XVIII. DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION

Instruments of ratification and instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations (hereby designated as Depositary). 2/

XIX. ENTRY INTO FORCE

(a) This Convention shall enter into force (30) days after the date of the deposit of the (60th) instrument of ratification.

(b) For States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited subsequent to the entry forces of this Convention, it shall enter into force on the (30th) day following the date of deposit of their instrument of ratification or accession. 3/

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1/ One delegation expressed a view that accession would not be necessary.

2/ One delegation was of the view that the procedures for the Depositary to inform States Parties of the deposit of instruments of ratification or accession need to be elaborated in this Article.

3/ It is to be discussed further how to ensure that all "chemical weapons possessing" and "chemical weapons capable" States be among those States whose ratification would be required for the Convention to enter into force.

4/ During the 1989 session, work on this Article was continued. With the aim of facilitating further consideration of the issues involved, the text reflecting the current stage of discussion is included in Appendix II.