

ARTICLE XXXVIII

If the number of parties to the present Convention is reduced to less than sixteen, the Conference may consult the Member States to decide whether the Convention should be considered to have lapsed.

ARTICLE XXXIX

The Conference may recommend amendments to this Convention to the Contracting Parties.

Any Contracting Party accepting an amendment shall notify the French Government of its acceptance in writing, so that the latter may, in turn, notify the other Contracting Parties of the receipt of such notification of acceptance.

An amendment shall enter into force three months after the receipt of notifications of acceptance from all the Contracting Parties by the Government of the French Republic. When an amendment has been accepted by all the Contracting Parties, the Government of the French Republic will advise all the other Contracting Parties as well as the signatory Governments, informing them of the date of its entry into force.

After an amendment has entered into force, no Government may ratify the present Convention or accede to it without also accepting such amendment.

ARTICLE XL

The present Convention shall be drawn up in the French language in a single original, which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of the French Republic, which will send certified copies to all the signatory and acceding Governments.

PARIS, *October 12, 1955*

(amended in January 1968 by amendment of Article XIII)