

Article XXI: Languages, Authentic Texts

The original of the Convention with its Annexes, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

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

Done at ...

The question of the settlement of disputes was further discussed in Working Group 2 in 1989.

Note:

In the course of consultations by the 1988 Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Final Clauses, the status of Annexes to the Convention, as well as of the provisions on reservations have been raised.

1. It is to be further discussed whether a separate article on the status of Annexes is needed.

Possible wording for the provision on the status of Annexes

"Annexes Nos. ... form an integral part of this Convention".

2. Several delegations held the view that neither reservations nor exceptions to the Convention should be provided, while some expressed views that such right might be included with respect to some provisions which were not clearly indicated.

The view was expressed that in regard to reservations, due attention should be paid to interpretative statements.

It is to be discussed whether to place the provision on reservations within the framework of Articles XV to XIX or to elaborate a separate article for this purpose.

Possible wording for the provisions on reservations

1. No reservations or exceptions, however phrased or named, [including interpretative statements or declarations], may be made to this Convention [unless expressly permitted by other provisions of the Convention].

2. The provision in paragraph 1 above does not preclude a State when signing, ratifying or acceding to this Convention, from making statements or declarations, however phrased or named, provided that such statements or declarations do not purport to exclude or to modify the legal effect of the provisions of this Convention in their application to that State.

- or alternatively -

This Convention shall not be subject to reservations.