

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

1. Any State Party may propose amendments or modifications to this Convention in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
2. The text of a proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Director-General of the Secretariat for circulation to all States Parties. It shall be considered only by an Amendment Conference. Such an Amendment Conference shall be held no less than 60 days after the circulation of the proposed amendment if one third of the States Parties notify the Director-General not later than 30 days after circulation that they support further consideration of the proposal. The Amendment Conference shall be held immediately following a regular session of the Conference of the States Parties unless the requesting States Parties ask for an earlier meeting.
3. An amendment shall enter into force if it is adopted at the Amendment Conference by a positive vote of a majority of all States Parties to the Convention with no State Party casting a negative vote and is ratified or accepted by all of the States Parties casting a positive vote at the Amendment Conference. Such an amendment shall enter into force for all States Parties 30 days after deposit of all of the instruments of ratification or acceptance of the States Parties casting a positive vote at the Amendment Conference.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, changes that are related only to minor matters of an administrative or technical nature, and are intended to improve the viability and effectiveness of the Convention, may be made to those provisions in the Annexes to this Convention that are expressly identified as subject to such modification. Such modification shall be made in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 5 of this Article and shall not be deemed as Amendments subject to ratification or acceptance by States Parties.
5. Proposed modifications shall be made in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (a) The text of proposed modifications shall be transmitted together with the necessary information to the Director-General of the Secretariat. Additional information for the evaluation of the proposal may be provided by any State Party and the Director-General. The Director-General shall promptly transmit any such proposals and information to all States Parties and the Executive Council;
 - (b) The Executive Council shall examine the proposal in the light of all information available to it. Not later than 90 days after its receipt, the Executive Council shall transmit its recommendation to all States Parties for consideration. States Parties shall acknowledge receipt within 10 days;