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Signature, ratification, accession

1. This Convention should be open to all States for signature. Any State which does not sign the Convention before its entry into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Element could accede to it at any time.
2. This Convention should be subject to ratification by signatory States. Instruments of ratification or accession should be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
3. This Convention should enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by twenty Governments, in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Element.
4. For those States whose instruments of ratification or accession are deposited after the entry into force of this Convention, it should enter into force on the date of the deposit of their instruments of ratification or accession.
5. The Depositary should promptly inform all signatory States and States Parties the date of each signature, the date of deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession and the date of the entry into force of this Convention and of any amendments thereto, as well as of the receipt of other notices.
6. This Convention should be registered by the Depositary in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.
7. Annexes I to V should be considered an integral part of this Convention.

Comments

- Some delegations considered that the Convention should enter into force only upon the deposit of instruments of ratification by a specific number of States, including those of the permanent members of the Security Council. Other delegations objected to this on the grounds that State Parties should not be treated in a different manner.

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Distribution of the Convention

This Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, should be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who should send duly certified copies thereof to the Governments of States members of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies.

Comments