

Section XI. Final clauses

Article XI.1

- 1 This Convention shall be open for signature by:
 - a the member States of the Council of Europe;
 - b the member States of the UNESCO Europe Region;
 - c any other signatory, contracting State or party to the European Cultural Convention of the Council of Europe and/or to the UNESCO Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region,which have been invited to the Diplomatic Conference entrusted with the adoption of this Convention.
- 2 These States and the Holy See may express their consent to be bound by:
 - a signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
 - b signature, subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
 - c accession.
- 3 Signatures shall be made with one of the depositaries. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with one of the depositaries.

Article XI.2

This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of one month after five States, including at least three member States of the Council of Europe and/or the UNESCO Europe Region, have expressed their consent to be bound by the Convention. It shall enter into force for each other State on the first day of the month following the expiration of the period of one month after the date of expression of its consent to be bound by the Convention.