

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments have signed the present Convention.

DONE in quadruplicate at London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington, this twenty-ninth day of December, 1972.

ARTICLE XVIII

The present Convention, signed at London, Mexico City, Moscow and Washington, on 29 December 1972, shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of its entry into force. It shall be extended automatically for successive periods of five years unless notice to that effect is given by any of the Contracting Parties at least six months before the expiration of the current period.

ARTICLE XIX

The present Convention shall be open for signature by all States and by the European Communities. It shall be open for accession by any State which is not a signatory and by the European Communities which are not signatories. The depositary shall receive the instruments of signature, accession or ratification and shall transmit certified copies thereof to all Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE XX

The present Convention shall be subject to ratification, approval or accession. The instruments of ratification, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Convention shall enter into force on the day of the deposit of the instrument of ratification, approval or accession of the first two States to deposit such instruments.

ARTICLE XXI

The present Convention shall be subject to denunciation at any time by any of the Contracting Parties. Denunciation shall be notified in writing to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit copies thereof to all other Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE XXII

The present Convention shall be subject to amendment. Any proposal for amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who shall transmit copies thereof to all Contracting Parties. Amendments shall be adopted by a majority of two-thirds of the Contracting Parties.