

Article 11

Amendments

1. At the Meetings of States Parties or Review Conferences consideration may be given to any proposal for amendments of this Convention. The meeting or review conference may agree upon amendments which shall be adopted by a majority of two- thirds of the States Parties present and voting at the meeting or review conference. The Depositary shall communicate any adopted amendment to all States Parties.
2. The amendment shall enter into force for each State Party that deposits its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment upon the deposit of such instruments of ratification or acceptance by a majority of the States Parties. Thereafter, it shall enter into force for any other State Party upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification or acceptance of the amendment.

Article 12

Settlement of disputes

1. When a dispute arises between two or more States Parties relating to the interpretation or application of this Convention, the parties concerned shall consult together with a view to the expeditious settlement of the dispute by negotiation or by other peaceful means of the parties' choice, including recourse to the Meetings of States Parties and, by mutual consent, referral to the International Court of Justice in conformity with the Statute of the Court.
2. The Meeting of States Parties may contribute to the settlement of the dispute by whatever means it deems appropriate, including offering its good offices, calling upon the States Parties concerned to start the settlement procedure of their choice and recommending a time limit for any agreed procedure.

Article 13

Universality

Each State Party shall encourage States not party to this Convention to ratify, accept, approve or accede to this Convention, with the goal of attracting the adherence of all States to this Convention.

Article 14

Signature

This Convention shall be open for signature to all States until before its entry into force.

Article 15

Ratification, ~~a~~Acceptance, ~~a~~Approval or ~~a~~Accession~~r~~

1. This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States. Following its entry into force, this Convention shall be open for accession by any State that has not signed the Convention.

Article 16

Entry into force

1. This Convention shall enter into force ~~90-ninety~~ days after the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession has been deposited.
2. For any State that deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after the date of the deposit of the fortieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, this Convention shall enter into force ~~90-ninety~~ days after the date on which that State has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

Article 17

Reservations

The Articles of this Convention shall not be subject to reservations.

Article 18

Duration

1. This Convention shall be of unlimited duration.
2. Each State Party shall in exercising its national sovereignty have the right to withdraw from the Convention if it decides that extraordinary events, related to the subject matter of this Convention, have jeopardized the supreme interests of its country. It shall give notice of such withdrawal to the Depositary ~~all other Parties to the Convention~~ and to the United Nations Security Council ~~three months in advance~~. Such notice shall include a statement of the extraordinary events it regards as having jeopardized its supreme interests.
3. Such withdrawal shall only take effect three months after the date of receipt of the notification ~~instrument~~ of withdrawal by the Depositary. If, however, on the expiry of that three-month period, the withdrawing State Party is engaged in the situations referred to in Article 2 common to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims, including any situation described in paragraph 4 of Article 1 of Additional Protocol I to these Conventions, the State Party shall continue to be bound by the obligations of this Convention and of any ~~annexed additional Protocols~~ protocols until the end of the armed conflict or occupation.

Article 19

Relations with other agreements

This Convention does not affect the rights and obligations of the States Parties under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Article 20

Depositary

The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the Depositary of this Convention.

Article 21

Authentic texts

The Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts of this Convention shall be equally authentic.