

this article shall be deemed to be accepted if within the period of twelve months referred to in the preceding paragraph less than one-third of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they either reject the amendment or wish that a conference be convened to consider it. The Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties of each acceptance or rejection of any proposed amendment and of requests that a conference be convened. If the total number of such rejections and requests received during the specified period of twelve months is less than one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, the Secretary-General shall notify all Contracting Parties that the amendment will enter into force six months after the expiry of the period of twelve months referred to in paragraph 1 of this article for all Contracting Parties except those which, during the period specified, have rejected the amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it.

(b) Any Contracting Party which, during the said period of twelve months, has rejected a proposed amendment or requested the convening of a conference to consider it may at any time after the end of such period notify the Secretary-General that it accepts the amendment, and the Secretary-General shall communicate such notification to all the other Contracting Parties. The amendment shall enter into force, with respect to the Contracting Party which has notified its acceptance, six months after the date on which the Secretary-General receives the notification.

3. If a proposed amendment has not been accepted in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article and if within the period of twelve months specified in paragraph 1 of this article less than half of the total number of the Contracting Parties inform the Secretary-General that they reject the proposed amendment and if at least one-third of the total number of Contracting Parties, but not less than five, inform him that they accept it or wish a conference to be convened to consider it, the Secretary-General shall convene a conference for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment or any other proposal which may be submitted to him in accordance with paragraph 4 of this article.

kendt, hvis mindre end  $1/3$  af de kontraherende parter inden for den i paragraf 1 nævnte frist af 12 måneder meddeler generalsekretæren, at de enten afviser ændringen eller ønsker, at der skal indkaldes en konference til behandling af den. Generalsekretæren skal underrette alle kontraherende parter om enhver godkendelse eller afvisning af et ændringsforslag samt om anmodninger om, at der indkaldes en konference. Dersom det samlede antal af sådanne afvisninger og anmodninger, der er modtaget inden for den fastsatte frist af 12 måneder, er mindre end  $1/3$  af det samlede antal kontraherende parter, skal generalsekretæren underrette alle kontraherende parter om, at ændringen træder i kraft 6 måneder efter udløbet af den i paragraf 1 nævnte frist af 12 måneder for alle kontraherende parter med undtagelse af dem, der inden for den nævnte frist har afvist ændringen eller anmodet om, at der indkaldes en konference til behandling af den.

b) Enhver kontraherende part, som inden for den nævnte frist af 12 måneder har afvist et ændringsforslag eller anmodet om, at der må blive indkaldt en konference til behandling af det, kan når som helst efter udløbet af denne frist meddele generalsekretæren, at den godkender ændringen, og generalsekretæren skal da underrette alle de øvrige kontraherende parter herom. Ændringen træder i kraft for den kontraherende part, som har tilkendegivet sin godkendelse, 6 måneder efter datoen for generalsekretærens modtagelse af meddelelsen herom.

3. Hvis et ændringsforslag ikke er blevet godkendt i henhold til paragraf 2, og mindre end halvdelen af det samlede antal kontraherende parter inden for den i paragraf 1 nævnte frist af 12 måneder meddeler generalsekretæren, at de forkaster ændringsforslaget, og mindst  $1/3$  af det samlede antal kontraherende parter, men dog mindst 5, meddeler ham, at de godkender det eller ønsker, at der må blive indkaldt en konference til behandling af det, skal generalsekretæren indkalde en konference med henblik på en behandling af ændringsforslaget eller af ethvert andet forslag, der måtte blive afgivet til ham i henhold til paragraf 4.