

1. At any time after the second regular session of the Conference any Member may propose amendments to this Constitution. Texts of proposed amendments shall be promptly communicated by the Director-General to all Members and shall not be considered by the Conference until ninety days after the dispatch of such communication.

2. Except as specified in paragraph 3, an amendment shall come into force and be binding on all Members when:

(a) It is recommended by the Board to the Conference;

(b) It is approved by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of all Members;

(c) Two-thirds of the Members have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the amendment with the Depository.

3. An amendment relating to Article 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 or 23 or to Annex II shall come into force and be binding on all Members when:

(a) It is recommended by the Board to the Conference by a two-thirds majority of all Members of the Board;

(b) It is approved by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of all Members; and

(c) Three-fourths of the Members have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the amendment with the Depository.

Article 24

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession

1. This Constitution shall be open for signature by all States specified in subparagraph (a) of Article 3, until 7 October 1979 at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria and subsequently at United Nations Headquarters in New York until the date this Constitution enters into force.

2. This Constitution shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by signatory States. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of such States shall be deposited with the Depository.

3. After the entry into force of this Constitution in accordance with paragraph 1 of Arti-

cle 25, States specified in subparagraph (a) of Article 3 that have not signed this Constitution, as well as States approved for membership pursuant to subparagraph (b) of that Article, may accede to this Constitution by depositing instruments of accession.

Article 25

Entry into force

1. This Constitution shall enter into force when at least eighty States that had deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval notify the Depository that they have agreed, after consultations among themselves, that this Constitution shall enter into force.

This Constitution shall enter into force:

(a) For States that participated in the notification referred to in paragraph 1, on the date of the entry into force of this Constitution;

(b) For States that had deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval before the entry into force of this Constitution but did not participate in the notification referred to in paragraph 1, on such later date on which they notify the Depository that this Constitution shall enter into force for them;

(c) For States that deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession subsequent to the entry into force of this Constitution, on the date of such deposit.

Article 26

Transitional arrangements

1. The Depository shall convene the first session of the Conference, to be held within three months following the entry into force of this Constitution.

2. The rules and regulations governing the organization established by United Nations General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI) shall govern the Organization and its organs until such time as the latter may adopt new provisions.

Article 27

Reservations

No reservations may be made in respect of this Constitution.