

2. Each State which shall become a party to this Convention after the entry into force of an amendment in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, is obliged to apply the Convention as amended.

ARTICLE XVII

1. This Convention shall be subject to ratification or approval by the Signatory States. Instruments of ratification or instruments of approval shall be deposited with the Government of the Polish People's Republic which shall perform the functions of the Depositary Government.
2. This Convention shall be open for accession to any State interested in preservation and rational exploitation of living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts, provided that this State is invited by the Contracting States. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary Government.

ARTICLE XVIII

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date of the deposit of the fourth instrument of ratification or approval.
2. After entry into force of this Convention in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the Convention shall enter into force for any other State, the Government of which has deposited an instrument of ratification, approval or accession, on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of such instrument with the Depositary Government.

ARTICLE XIX

At any time after the expiration of five years from the date of entry into force of this Convention any Contracting State may, by giving written notice to the Depositary Government, withdraw from this Convention.

The withdrawal shall take effect for such Contracting State on the thirtyfirst of December of the year which follows the year in which the Depositary Government was notified of the withdrawal.

ARTICLE XX

1. The Depositary Government shall inform all Signatory and Acceding States:
 - a) of signatures of this Convention and deposit of each instrument of ratification, approval or accession, as well as of submitted declarations,
 - b) of the date of entry into force of this Convention,
 - c) of proposals relating to amendments to the Convention, notifications of acceptance and of the entry into force, of such amendments,
 - d) of notifications of withdrawal.

2. The original of this Convention shall be deposited with the Government of the Polish People's Republic, which shall, transmit certified copies thereof to the Government of all Signatory States and of all States which accede to this Convention.

3. The Depositary Government shall register this Convention with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Gdańsk this thirteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventy three, in a single copy drawn up in the Danish, Finnish, German, Polish, Russian, Swedish and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

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