

5. The Depositary shall promptly notify the Contracting Parties of the receipt of notifications of approval of amendments, the receipt of notification of objection or withdrawal of objections, and the entry into force of amendments.

ARTICLE 20

1. This Convention shall be open for signature from 18 November 1980 to 28 February 1981 by the following Parties: Bulgaria, Cuba, Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, the European Economic Community, Finland, the German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. It shall be ratified, accepted, or approved as soon as possible and the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, referred to in this Convention as "the Depositary".

2. This Convention shall enter into force upon the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval by not less than seven Signatories, provided that these include at least three Signatories exercising fisheries jurisdiction within the Convention Area. If, however, this Convention has not entered into force one year from the date on which this Convention is opened for signature, but not less than five Signatories have deposited instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, including at least three Signatories exercising fisheries jurisdiction within the Convention Area, these Signatories may agree among themselves by special protocol on the date on which this Convention shall enter into force; in that case this Convention shall enter into force with respect to any Party that ratifies, accepts or approves thereafter on the date of deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

3. Any of the Parties referred to in paragraph 1 which has not signed this Convention may accede thereto at any time after it has entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2.

4. Any state not referred to in paragraph 1, except a Member State of the European Economic Community, may accede to this Convention at any time after it has entered into force in accordance with paragraph 2, provided that an application for accession of that State meets with the approval of three-fourths of all the Contracting Parties.

An application for accession shall be addressed in writing to the Depositary which shall notify all Contracting Parties thereof. The application is approved if within 90 days from the date of such notification three-fourths of all the Parties in respect of which this Convention has already entered into force by that date have notified the Depositary of their approval of the application.

The Depositary shall notify the State applying for accession and all Contracting Parties of the result of the application.

5. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Depositary and shall take effect on the date of its receipt. As from that date any Party which accedes to this Convention shall be bound by the recommendations which are, at the time of its accession, binding on all the other Contracting Parties as well as by any other recommendations which are, at that time, binding on one or more of the Contracting Parties and are not specifically excluded by the acceding Party in its instrument of accession.

6. The Depositary shall inform all Signatories and all acceding Parties of all instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited, and shall notify Signatories of the date and the Parties in respect of which this Convention enters into force.

7. The Depositary shall call the first meeting of the Commission as soon as practicable after the entry into force of this Convention and shall communicate the provisional agenda to each Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 21

At any time after two years from the date on which this Convention has entered into force with respect to a Contracting Party, that Party may denounce the Convention by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Depositary. Any such denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the date of its receipt, and shall be notified to the Contracting Parties by the Depositary.

ARTICLE 22

This Convention, of which the English and French texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Depositary shall transmit duly certified copies to the Signatories and acceding Parties, and shall register the Convention in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Convention.

Done at London this 18th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and eighty.