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Proposed amendment to article 43, paragraph 2, of the
Convention on the Rights of the Child

The Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the
Child,

Recognizing the importance of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and
the extremely valuable contribution of its members to evaluating and monitoring
the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by States
parties,

Noting with satisfaction that the Convention on the Rights of the Child now
has 181 States parties, in other words, the largest number of States parties of
any of the legal instruments dealing with the fulfilment by States parties of
their commitments in the field of human rights,

Noting also that the Committee on the Rights of the Child nevertheless
comprises only ten experts and that they examine and help to improve the tragic,
precarious situation of children in many parts of the world, who are recognized
to be the most vulnerable sector of society,

Considering that the goal of universal ratification of the Convention on
the Rights of the Child by the end of 1995 has been established as a universal
commitment,

Considering also that, as a matter of principle and fairness, the number of
experts on the Committee on the Rights of the Child should be the same as that
for other similar legal instruments in the field of human rights,

1. Decides to support the proposed amendment to article 43, paragraph 2,
of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, replacing the word "ten" by the
word "eighteen";

2. Presents this amendment to the General Assembly for approval;
3. Expresses the hope that the General Assembly will adopt the amendment without a vote.
