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Article 23

1. This Covenant shall be open for signature or accession on behalf of any State Member of the United Nations or of any non-Member State to which an invitation has been extended by the General Assembly.
2. Ratification of or accession to this Covenant shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and as soon as ..... States have deposited such instruments, the Covenant shall come into force between them. As regards any State which ratifies or accedes thereafter, the Covenant shall come into force on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification or accession.
3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all Members of the United Nations and other States which have ratified or acceded, of the deposit of each instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 24

(The Commission decided to send forward to Governments all the amendments and proposals submitted for this article together with the summary records of the discussions which took place on it.)

Article 25

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