

f) Beslutninger angående anmodninger fra de kontraherende stater som hjemlet i Artikel 5.

2. Det første møde mellem de kontraherende stater indkaldes af De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær inden ét år efter denne konventions ikrafttrædelse. De efterfølgende møder indkaldes af De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær årligt indtil den første gennemgangskonference.

3. Under de i artikel 8 anførte betingelser indkalder De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær et særligt møde mellem de kontraherende stater.

4. Stater der ikke er deltagere i denne konvention, samt De Forenede Nationer, andre relevante internationale organisationer eller institutioner, regionale organisationer, Den Internationale Røde Kors Komité og relevante ikke-statslige organisationer, kan indbydes til at deltage i disse møder som observatører i overensstemmelse med de vedtagne procedure-regler.

Artikel 12

Gennemgangskonferencer

1. En gennemgangskonference indkaldes af De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær fem år efter ikrafttrædelsen af denne konvention. Yderligere gennemgangskonferencer indkaldes af De Forenede Nationers generalsekretær, såfremt dette begæres af en eller flere kontraherende stater, idet der dog i alle tilfælde skal forløbe mindst fem år mellem hver gennemgangskonference. Alle kontraherende stater indbydes til hver gennemgangskonference.

2. Formålet med gennemgangskonferencen er at:

- a) Gennemgå denne konventions virkemåde og status;
- b) Overveje behovet for og intervallet mellem yderligere møder mellem de kontraherende stater, jf. artikel 11, stk. 2;
- c) Træffe beslutninger om anmodninger fra de kontraherende stater som hjemlet i artikel 5; og

(f) Decisions relating to submissions of States Parties as provided for in Article 5.

2. The First Meeting of the States Parties shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations within one year after the entry into force of this Convention. The subsequent meetings shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations annually until the first Review Conference.

3. Under the conditions set out in Article 8, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall convene a Special Meeting of the States Parties.

4. States not parties to this Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations may be invited to attend these meetings as observers in accordance with the agreed Rules of Procedure.

Article 12

Review Conferences

1. A Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention. Further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years. All States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference.

2. The purpose of the Review Conference shall be:

- (a) To review the operation and status of this Convention;
- (b) To consider the need for and the interval between further Meetings of the States Parties referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11;
- (c) To take decisions on submissions of States Parties as provided for in Article 5; and