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Article 22

1. There shall be established a Group of Experts consisting of 10 members of high moral standing and competence in the fields covered by the Convention.
2. The experts shall be elected by the States Parties from among their nationals and shall serve in their personal capacity, consideration being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation to the different forms of civilization as well as the principal legal systems.
3. The members of the Group shall be elected by secret ballot from a list of persons nominated by States Parties. Each State Party may nominate one person from among its own nationals.
4. The initial election shall be held no later than six months after the date of entry into force of the present Convention. At least three months before the date of each election the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall address a letter to the States Parties inviting them to submit their nominations within two months. The Secretary-General shall prepare a list in alphabetical order of all persons thus nominated, indicating the States Parties which have nominated them, and shall submit it to the States Parties.
5. Election of the members of the Group shall be held at a meeting of States Parties convened by the Secretary General at United Nations Headquarters. At that meeting, for which two-thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum, the persons selected to the Group shall be those nominees who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the votes of the representatives of States Parties present and voting.
6. The members of the Group shall be elected for a term of four years. However the term of five of the members elected at the first election shall

expire at the end of two years; immediately after the first election the names of these members shall be chosen by lot by the Chairman of the meeting referred to.

7. If a member of the Group dies or resigns or for any other cause can no longer perform the duties of the Group, the State Party which nominated the member shall appoint another expert from among its nationals to serve for the remainder of the term, subject to the approval of the majority of the States Parties.

8. States Parties shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Group while they are in performance of the duties of the Group.