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Article 22

1. Within six months after entry into force of the Convention a Committee of Experts shall be established to examine the progress made by States Parties in achieving the realization of the obligations undertaken by States Parties in the present Convention.
2. The Committee shall consist of 10 experts of high moral standing and recognized competence in the field covered by this Convention. The members of the Committee 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 Committee 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 and thereafter every second year. The elections shall be held at meetings of the States Parties convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters. At those meetings, for which two thirds of the States Parties shall constitute a quorum, the persons elected to the Committee shall be those who obtain the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the votes of the States Parties present and voting.
5. The members of the Committee 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 five members shall be chosen by lot by the Chairman of the meeting at which the election takes place.

6. 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.

7. If a member of the Committee dies or resigns or for any other cause can no longer perform the duties of the Committee, 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 Committee.

8. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure.

9. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the necessary staff and facilities for elections to and the effective performance of the functions of the Committee.

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