Accession flowchart

The State deposits the instrument of accession with the Depositary (**Art. 12(1)**) and notifies the Depositary of each designated Competent Authority (**Art. 6(2)**)

The Depositary notifies Contracting States of the deposit and designation(s) (**Art. 15**)

Any Contracting State may object to the accession within a six month period, the exact dates for which are determined by the Depositary (**Art. 12(2)**)

The Depositary notifies Contracting States of objections (if any) after expiry of the objection period (**Art. 15 d**)

The Convention enters into force as between the acceding State and each Contracting State that has **not** objected to its accession on the 60th day after the end of the six-month objection period (**Art. 12(3)**)

The Convention does **not** enter into force as between the acceding State and any Contracting State that has objected to its accession (**Art. 12(3)**)

A State may withdraw its objection at any time by notification to the Depositary

The Convention enters into force as between the acceding State and the Contracting State on the day the Depositary receives notification of withdrawal of the objection