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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ON 20 NOVEMBER 1989

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY COSTA RICA

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

On 12 March 1993, the Government of Costa Rica proposed, in accordance with article 50, paragraph 1, of the above-mentioned Convention, an amendment to article 43, paragraph 2, thereof.

The text of the proposed amendment, in the English and French ..... languages, is transmitted as an annex to this notification.

In this connexion, the Secretary-General wishes to draw attention to article 50 of the said Convention, which reads as follows:

Article 50

"1. Any State Party may propose an amendment and file it with the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The Secretary-General shall thereupon communicate the proposed amendment to States Parties, with a request that they indicate whether they favour a conference of States Parties for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposals. In the event that, within four months from the date of such communication, at least one third of the States Parties favour such a conference, the Secretary-General shall convene the conference under the auspices of the United Nations. Any amendment adopted by a majority of States Parties present and voting at the conference shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

2. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 1 of the present article shall enter into force when it has been approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations and accepted by a two-thirds majority of States Parties.

3. When an amendment enters into force, it shall be binding on those States Parties which have accepted it, other States Parties still being bound by the provisions of the present Convention and any earlier amendments which they have accepted."

15 May 1993



Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of international organizations concerned

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MARCH 11, 1993.

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MR. SECRETARY GENERAL:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA IS REQUESTING HEREBY A REVISION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REVISION IS TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE TO ARTICLE 50, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE CONVENTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA WISHES TO SUMIT AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 43, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CONVENTION. THE PROPOSAL BY COSTA RICA IS THAT EXISTING ARTICLE 43, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CONVENTION SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

"2. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHTEEN EXPERTS OF HIGH MORAL STANDING AND RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE IN THE FIELD COVERED BY THIS CONVENTION. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELECTED BY STATES PARTIES FROM AMONG THEIR NATIONALS AND SHALL SERVE IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY, CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS TO THE PRINCIPAL LEGAL SYSTEMS."

MY GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF THE NECESSARY STEPS COULD BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CONVENE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION, SO AS TO CONSIDER THIS AMENDMENT AND TAKE A DECISION ON IT, IN OR ABOUT NOVEMBER, 1993.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE TESTIMONY OF MY DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION AND HIGHEST PERSONAL ESTEEM.



BERND NIEHAUS-QUESADA  
MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND  
CULT OF COSTA RICA

TO HIS EXCELLENCY  
MR. BOUTROS BOUTROS-GHALI  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
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