

**Output text of the Legal Drafting Group  
for consideration by the Committee<sup>1</sup>**

**Meeting of 11 August 2025 on Articles 31 and 32**

**A. Article 31 – Depositary**

**ARTICLE 31**

**DEPOSITARY**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be the Depositary of this Convention.

***Comments to the Committee***

- The review of this Article by the Legal Drafting Group is without prejudice to the title the Committee will choose to give to the instrument. All references to the title of the international legally binding instrument, including in Article 31, will need to be reviewed for consistency once the Committee decides on an appropriate title for the instrument.
- No specific recommendations are offered for Article 31. The Legal Drafting Group considers that the text is legally sound as is.

**B. Article 32 – Authentic Texts**

**ARTICLE 32**

**AUTHENTIC TEXTS**

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Depositary.

IN WITNESS ~~FW~~HEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Convention.

Done at [--] on this [--] day of [--].

***Comments to the Committee***

- The Legal Drafting Group considered the signature block along with the Article on Authentic Texts.
- The review of this Article by the Legal Drafting Group is without prejudice to the title the Committee will choose to give to the instrument. All references to the title of the international legally binding instrument, including in Article 32, will need to be reviewed for consistency once the Committee decides on the appropriate title for the instrument.
- The Legal Drafting Group identified two typographical errors in the text of Article 32 and the signature block in UNEP/PP/INC.5/CRP.1 and corrected those errors.
- A set of brackets was proposed to be added as a placeholder for the day in the signature block for legal clarity, in line with the approach taken in other treaties.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: The Legal Drafting Group highlights that all outputs back to the Committee are made without prejudice to the final nature or characterization of the international legally binding instrument.