

Ireland is of the view that it should be possible for a Member State to withdraw from the Organization in advance of an amendment coming into force to which it does not agree. However the wording of Articles 15 and 19 does not allow for this, giving as they do a 6 month timeframe for entry into force and a 12 month timeframe for withdrawal.

One solution is to use the same timeframe in both articles, be it 6 or 12 months. Alternatively the solution found in the Convention on the International Maritime Organization could be a good model.

Ireland therefore proposes the following additional text in bold to the version of Article 15.5 in square brackets:

The amendment shall come into force for all Member States six months after written notifications of acceptance by two-thirds of the Member States have been received by the Depositary. The Depositary shall inform the Member States and the Secretary-General of the fact, specifying the date of entry into force of the amendment. **If within the first 60 days of this period of six months a Member State gives notification of withdrawal from the Organization on account of an amendment the withdrawal shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 20 of the Convention, take effect on the date on which such amendment comes into force.**