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**Amendment to Article 43 (2) of the Convention on the
Rights of the Child 1989**

**Adopted by the Conference of States Parties to the Convention
on 12 December 1995**

**Approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations
on 21 December 1995**

Accepted by Ireland on 18 November 2002

**Entered into force generally and with respect to Ireland
on 18 November 2002**

Presented to Dáil Éireann by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 43 (2) OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD*

Conference of the States Parties
to the Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989

New York, 12 December 1995

The Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing the importance of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the extremely valuable contribution of its members to evaluating and monitoring the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by States parties,

Noting with satisfaction that the Convention on the Rights of the Child now has 181 States parties, in other words, the largest number of States parties of any of the legal instruments dealing with the fulfilment by States parties of their commitments in the field of human rights,

Considering that the goal of universal ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the end of 1995 has been established as a universal commitment,

Considering also that the large number of ratifications of the Convention has resulted in a significant increase in the workload of the Committee on the Rights of the Child,

Considering further that the number of experts on the Committee should enable it to carry out its work in a timely manner,

Bearing in mind that the proposed amendment should be accompanied by a significant improvement in the working methods of the Committee to enhance its effectiveness,

1. Decides to adopt the amendment to Article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, replacing the word “ten” by the word “eighteen”;
2. Also decides to submit this amendment to the General Assembly for approval during its fiftieth session, in accordance with Article 50, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

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3. Recalls that the amendment shall enter into force when it has been approved by the General Assembly and accepted by a two-thirds majority of the States parties;

4. Invites the Committee on the Rights of the Child to consider ways, within its mandate, to improve its working methods.

General Assembly of the United Nations
97th plenary meeting

21 December 1995

Resolution 50/155. Conference of States Parties
to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the valuable contribution of its members to the evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by its States parties,

Noting with satisfaction that there are now 182 States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a figure approaching universal ratification,

Noting that the amendment to Article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention was adopted by the Conference of States Parties to the Convention,

1. Approves the amendment to Article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, replacing the word “ten” with the word “eighteen”;

2. Urges States parties to take appropriate measures so that acceptance by a two-thirds majority of the States parties can be reached as soon as possible in order for the amendment to enter into force.