

VIII. Other provisions

98. There has been limited use of provisions such as amendments and denunciations. The option of expressing reservations has been used by a limited number of countries upon ratification.

Amendments, denunciation and reservations

99. In 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Plurinational State of Bolivia requested that article 49, paragraphs 1 (*c*) and 2 (*e*), of the 1961 Convention be deleted in accordance with the procedures established in article 47 of the Convention. The proposal was rejected by at least one party to the Convention and did not enter into force. Article 30 of the 1971 Convention, also providing for amendments to the 1971 Convention, has never been used.

100. There has been only one case of denouncement of one of the conventions. On 29 June 2011, the Plurinational State of Bolivia notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to denounce the 1961 Convention. In accordance with article 46, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the denunciation took effect on 1 January 2012. Following denunciation, the country re-acceded to the Convention with a reservation. Article 29, on denunciation, of the 1971 Convention provides for a similar mechanism, but it has never been used.

Disputes

101. Article 48 of the 1961 Convention and article 31 of the 1971 Convention contain provisions for the resolutions of disputes that are often found in international legal instruments and provide for an amicable resolution of the matter and, if this is not possible, referral to the International Court of Justice for a decision. These articles have never been used.