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being given to equitable geographical distribution and to the representation of the different forms of civilization as well as of the principal legal systems. Each State party may nominate one Rule 14. Elections of members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women shall be held by secret ballot. The persons elected to the Committee shall be those nominees who obtain Rule 15. the largest number of votes and an absolute majority of the representatives of States parties present and voting. If in the first hallot the pumbor of manine

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IX. Observers

Rule 20. States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention but in respect of which the Convention has not yet entered into force may participate fully in the meeting except for the right to vote.

X. Reference to rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Rule 21. Any procedural matter arising at meetings which is not covered by these rules shall be dealt with by the Chairman in the light of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly which may be applicable to the matter at issue.

XI. Amendments

Rule 22. These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the meeting of the States parties to the Convention, provided that the amendment is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Convention.