

(e) Regularly assess the overall aggregated effect of the steps taken by Annex I Parties in the light of the latest scientific assessments concerning climate change, and of the Protocol's objective, and ensure the publication of such assessments;

(f) At its first Meeting, agree upon and adopt by consensus, rules of procedure and financial rules for itself and for any subsidiary body;

(g) Receive reports from, and if necessary give guidance to, the financial mechanism and to subsidiary bodies on matters relating to the implementation of this Protocol;

(h) Seek and utilize, where appropriate, the services and cooperation of, and information provided by, competent international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies;

(i) Establish further subsidiary bodies as may be deemed necessary for the implementation of the Protocol;

(j) Make recommendations on any matters necessary for the implementation of this Protocol;

(k) Consider and, if approved, adopt proposals for any amendment of or addition to this Protocol or any annex thereto;

(l) Exercise such other functions as are required for the implementation of this Protocol, including any functions assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties.

80. The secretariat shall convene the first Meeting of the Parties not later than one year after the date of the entry into force of this Protocol and, if feasible, in conjunction with a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Thereafter ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties shall be held every year in conjunction with sessions of the Conference of the Parties, unless otherwise decided by the Meeting of the Parties.

81. Extraordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties shall be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Meeting of the Parties, or at the written request of any Party, provided that, within six months of such a request being communicated to the Parties by the secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.

82. The United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to this Protocol, may be represented at any Meeting of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Protocol and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Meeting of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Parties at their first Meeting.⁵⁹