

Proposal 2

64. This Protocol shall be open for signature by States and by regional economic integration organizations in ... on ... , in ... from ... to ... , and at United Nations Headquarters from ... to ...

Proposal 3

[65. This Protocol shall be open for signature by Parties to the Convention at Kyoto [during the third Conference of the Parties to the Convention] on [12 December 1997], in Tokyo [at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan] from [13 December 1997] to [31 December 1997] and at United Nations Headquarters in New York from [1 January 1998 to 11 December 1998]].

[H. Provisional application

66. Any signatory to the Protocol may notify the Depositary that it intends to apply this Protocol provisionally prior to the entry into force of the Protocol for it.]

I. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession

Proposal 1

67. The Protocol shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by States and by regional economic integration organizations which are Parties to the Convention. It shall be open for accession from the day after the date on which the Protocol is closed for signature. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

67.1 Any regional economic integration organization which becomes a Party to the Protocol without any of its member States being a Party shall be bound by all the obligations under the Protocol. In the case of such organizations, one or more of whose member States is a Party to the Protocol, the organization and its member States shall decide on their respective responsibilities for the performance of their obligations under the Protocol. In such cases, the organization and the member States shall not be entitled to exercise rights under the Protocol concurrently.

67.2 In their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, regional economic integration organizations shall declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by the Protocol. These organizations shall also inform the Depositary, who shall in turn inform the Parties, of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence.