

II. INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

A. Conference of the Parties/Meeting of the Parties

Proposal 1

75. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention shall serve as the Conference of the Parties of the Protocol. To this end, for the purposes of Articles 5 to 8 of this Protocol references in Articles 7 to 10 of the Convention to "the Convention" and "the Parties" shall be understood as references to "the Protocol" and "the Parties to the Protocol" respectively.

76. When the Conference of the Parties exercises its functions with regard to matters concerning the Protocol, decisions shall be taken only by those of its members that are, at the same time, Parties to the Protocol.

77. When the Conference of the Parties exercises its functions with regard to matters concerning the Protocol, any member of the bureau of the Conference of the Parties representing a Party to the Convention, but, at the same time, not a Party to the Protocol, shall be substituted by an additional member to be elected by and from the Parties to the Protocol.⁵⁷

Proposal 2

78. The Protocol shall utilise the same Conference of the Parties as the parent Convention.⁵⁸

Proposal 3

79. A Meeting of the Parties is hereby established. The Meeting of the Parties shall keep under regular review the implementation of the Protocol and shall make, within its mandate, the decisions necessary to achieve its effective implementation. To this end, it shall:

(a) Periodically review the commitments of the Parties and the institutional arrangements under the Protocol, in the light of the Objective and Principles of the Convention, the experience gained in the Protocol's implementation and the evolution of scientific and technological knowledge;

(b) Adopt targets and timetable referred to in Article 3.1;

(c) Review and revise the commitments of Annex I Parties referred to in Article 3.2;

(d) Receive, review and ensure the publication of information submitted to it, including the reports submitted by Parties pursuant to Article 5;

⁵⁷EU

⁵⁸Switzerland