

7 With regard to amendments to Annex 3 concerning the Arbitral Procedure and with regard to the adoption and entry into force of new Annexes the procedures on amendments to the articles of this Protocol shall apply.

ARTICLE 23

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROTOCOL AND THE CONVENTION

This Protocol will supersede the Convention as between Contracting Parties to this Protocol which are also Parties to the Convention.

ARTICLE 24

SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL AND ACCESSION

1 This Protocol shall be open for signature by any State at the Headquarters of the Organization from 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998 and shall thereafter remain open for accession by any State.

2 States may become Contracting Parties to this Protocol by:

- .1 signature not subject to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
- .2 signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
- .3 accession.

3 Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General.

ARTICLE 25

ENTRY INTO FORCE

1 This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date on which:

- .1 at least 26 States have expressed their consent to be bound by this Protocol in accordance with article 24; and