

## **J. Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession**

### ***Proposal 1***

162. The provisions of Article 22 of the Convention shall apply to this Protocol.<sup>116</sup>

### ***Proposal 2***

163. The Protocol shall be subject to ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by States and regional economic integration organizations [which are Parties to the Convention<sup>117</sup>] It shall be open for accession from the day after the date on which the Protocol is closed for signature.

164. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

165. 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.

166. 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.<sup>118</sup>

## **K. Entry into force**

### ***Proposal 1***

167. The instrument shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 23 of the Convention.<sup>119</sup>

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<sup>116</sup>Chairman's proposal, based on proposals from Russian Federation and Switzerland.

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