

4. The annual costs of the work programme shall be covered by the mandatory contributions. Contributions in cash and in kind, such as those provided by host countries for international centres, shall be specified in the work programme. Voluntary contributions may, subject to the approval by the Executive Body, on the recommendation of the Steering Body, be utilized either for reducing the mandatory contributions or for financing specific activities within the scope of EMEP.

5. Mandatory and voluntary contributions in cash shall be deposited in the General Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 4

Sharing of Costs

1. Mandatory contributions shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Annex to the present Protocol.

2. The Executive Body shall consider the need to amend the Annex:

(a) if the annual budget of EMEP increases by a factor of two and half times the level of the annual budget adopted for the year of entry into force of the present Protocol or for the year of last amendment of the Annex, whichever is later; or

(b) if the Executive Body, on the recommendation of the Steering Body, designates a new international centre; or

(c) six years after the entry into force of the present Protocol, or six years after last amendment to the Annex, whichever is later.

3. Amendments to the Annex shall be adopted by consensus of the Executive Body.

ARTICLE 5

Annual Budget

An annual budget for EMEP shall be drawn up by the Steering Body of EMEP, and shall be adopted by the Executive Body not later than one year in advance of the financial year to which it applies.

ARTICLE 6

Amendments to the Protocol

1. Any Contracting Party to the present Protocol may propose amendments to it.

2. The text of proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, who shall communicate them to all Contracting Parties to the Protocol. The Executive Body shall discuss the proposed amendments at its next annual meeting provided that such proposals have been circulated by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to the Contracting Parties to the Protocol at least 90 days in advance.