

- D) Approve amendments to this Agreement in accordance with Article XV, Section 3; and
- m) Perform other functions as necessary to achieve the objectives of the Institute.

Article VI The Executive Council

1. The Executive Council shall be the executive organ of the Institute.
2. The Executive Council shall be composed of up to nine members elected by the Conference of the Parties for two-year terms, taking into account the need for balanced geographic representation.
3. The Executive Council shall meet at least twice a year and shall strive to hold its meetings in different locations among the Parties.
4. The Executive Council shall:
 - a) Develop recommendations on the policies for the Institute, for submission to and approval by the Conference of the Parties;
 - b) Ensure that the Director implements the policies adopted by the Conference of the Parties;
 - c) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding the long-range plans and annual program and budget;
 - d) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding the financial policies of the Institute proposed by the Director;
 - e) Appoint an external auditor and review the annual external audit of the financial records submitted annually by the Director to the Conference of the Parties;
 - f) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties regarding amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council;
 - g) Propose to the Conference of the Parties the designation of Institute Research Centers; and
 - h) Perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Conference of the Parties.

Article VII The Scientific Advisory Committee

1. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be the principal scientific advisory organ of the Institute.
2. The Scientific Advisory Committee shall be composed of ten members elected by the Conference of the Parties to serve in their personal capacity for three-year terms and with eligibility for a single additional term. The Conference of the Parties shall elect six Scientific Advisory Committee members from nominations received from the Parties; three from nominations received from the Scientific Advisory Committee itself; and one from nominations received from the Institute's Associates. These members shall be scientists recognized internationally for their expertise in areas relevant to the objectives of the