

ARTICLE 11: MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES

1. The Parties shall hold meetings at regular intervals. The secretariat shall convene the first meeting of the Parties not later than one year after the date of the entry into force of this Protocol and in conjunction with a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, if a meeting of the latter is scheduled within that period.
2. Subsequent ordinary meetings of the Parties shall be held, unless the Parties otherwise decide, in conjunction with meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. Extraordinary meetings of the Parties shall be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by a meeting of the Parties, or at the written request of any Party, provided that, within six months of such a request being communicated to them by the secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.
3. The Parties, at their first meeting, shall:
 - (a) adopt by consensus rules of procedure for their meetings;
 - (b) adopt by consensus the financial rules referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 13;
 - (c) establish the panels and determine the terms of reference referred to in Article 6;
 - (d) consider and approve the procedures and institutional mechanisms specified in Article 8; and
 - (e) begin preparation of workplans pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 10.
4. The functions of the meetings of the Parties shall be to:
 - (a) review the implementation of this Protocol;
 - (b) decide on any adjustments or reductions referred to in paragraph 9 of Article 2;
 - (c) decide on any addition to, insertion in or removal from any annex of substances and on related control measures in accordance with paragraph 10 of Article 2;