

#### ***Proposal 4***

150. Any Party to the Convention may propose annexes to this Protocol, and amendments to annexes to this Protocol. For purposes of Article 17.5 of the Convention, the phrase "Decisions under any Protocol" shall not be interpreted or applied to include adoption of an annex to this Protocol nor amendment to any such annex. The authority to adopt any of the foregoing is vested in the Conference of the Parties.

151. Annexes to this Protocol shall form an integral part thereof and, unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to this Protocol constitutes at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto. Such annexes shall be restricted to lists, forms and any other material of a descriptive nature that is of a scientific, technical, procedural, or administrative character.

152. Annexes to this Protocol and amendments to such annexes shall be adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraphs [129] and [130]. Entry into force of annexes to this Protocol and of amendments to such annexes shall be subject to the same procedure and requirements for entry into force of amendments to this Protocol that are set forth in paragraphs [131] and [132], provided that if the adoption of an annex or an amendment to an annex involves an amendment to this Protocol, that annex or amendment to an annex shall not enter into force until such time as the amendment to this Protocol enters into force.<sup>105</sup>

#### **E. Right to vote**

##### ***Proposal 1***

153. The provisions of Article 18 of the Convention shall apply to this Protocol.<sup>106</sup>

##### ***Proposal 2***

154. Each Party to the Protocol shall have one vote, except as provided for in [paragraph 2<sup>107</sup>/ the paragraphs<sup>108</sup>] below.

155. Regional economic integration organizations, in matters within their competence, shall exercise their right to vote with a number of votes equal to the number of their member States which are Parties to the Protocol. Such an organization shall not exercise its right to vote if any of its member States exercises its right, and vice versa.<sup>109</sup>

156. Proposal to be developed on the possibility of restricting voting entitlements in respect of certain issues, such as those relating to adjustment of commitments of Annex A Parties

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<sup>105</sup>Kuwait, Nigeria and Iran et al

<sup>106</sup>Chairman's proposal, based on proposals from Russian Federation and Switzerland

<sup>107</sup>AOSIS and EU

<sup>108</sup>Australia

<sup>109</sup>AOSIS, EU and Australia