

12. Policies and Strategies

States shall, in accordance with the means at their disposal and their capabilities, co-operate in the elaboration, formulation, co-ordination or harmonization of policies and strategies including measures to prevent, reduce or control activities under their jurisdiction or control causing or likely to cause atmospheric interferences.

13. Exchange of Information

States shall exchange scientific, technical, socio-economic, commercial and other information relevant for the protection of the atmosphere, and facilitate and encourage the exchange of such information.

Note: The question of the treatment of confidential information will require consideration in the drafting of a conventional provision on this matter.

14. Research and Systematic Observations

(1) States shall, as appropriate, and in accordance with the means at their disposal and their capabilities, undertake, promote and co-operate in the conduct of systematic collection and transmission of data, research and scientific assessments on:

- (a) the state of the atmosphere;
- (b) activities, practices, processes and substances that may cause international atmospheric interferences;
- (c) alternative activities, practices, processes and substances and their socio-economic and environmental implications, aimed at preventing, reducing or controlling international atmospheric interferences;
- (d) the nature and extent of the effects of any modifications of the atmosphere on human health, living resources and ecosystems, material property, amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.

(2) States shall promote the role of appropriate world data centres in ensuring the validation and transmission of observational data.