

Article 18

1. Any Party may propose amendments to this Protocol.⁴
2. Amendments to this Protocol shall be adopted at an ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The text of any proposed amendment to this Protocol shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the session at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate proposed amendments to the signatories to this Protocol, to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depositary.
3. The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on any proposed amendment to this Protocol by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted, and no agreement reached, the amendment shall as a last resort be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the Parties present and voting at the meeting.⁵ The adopted amendment shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Depositary, who shall circulate it to all Parties for their acceptance.
4. Instruments of acceptance in respect of an amendment shall be deposited with the Depositary. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 3 above shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted it on the ninetieth day after the date of receipt by the Depositary of an instrument of acceptance by at least three fourths of the Parties to this Protocol.⁵
5. The amendment shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the date on which that Party deposits with the Depositary its instrument of acceptance of the said amendment.

Article 19⁶

1. 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 other than annexes XY shall be restricted to lists, forms and any other material of a descriptive nature that is of a scientific, technical, procedural or administrative character.
2. Any Party may make proposals for an annex to this Protocol and may propose amendments to annexes to this Protocol.

4 Proposal to insert after Party "in the light of the review of the adequacy of Art 4.2 (a), (b) and (d) of the Convention."

5 There is an alternative proposal in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/INF.1 paragraphs 17.2 and 17.3.

6 To be revisited in the light of further discussions on Article 3.