

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purposes of the present Protocol:

1. "UN assessment rate" means a Contracting Party's rate for the financial year in question in the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.
2. "Financial year" means the financial year of the United Nations; and "annual basis" and "annual costs" shall be construed accordingly.
3. "General Trust Fund" means the General Trust Fund for the Financing of the Implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, which has been established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
4. "Geographical scope of EMEP" means the area within which, co-ordinated by the international centres of EMEP,^a monitoring is carried out.

ARTICLE 2

Financing of EMEP

The financing of EMEP shall cover the annual costs of the international centres co-operating within EMEP for the activities appearing in the work programme of the Steering Body of EMEP.

ARTICLE 3

Contributions

1. In accordance with the provisions of this article the financing of EMEP shall consist of mandatory contributions, supplemented by voluntary contributions. Contributions may be made in convertible currency, non-convertible currency, or in kind.
2. Mandatory contributions shall be made on an annual basis by all Contracting Parties to the present Protocol which are within the geographical scope of EMEP.
3. Voluntary contributions may be made by the Contracting Parties or signatories to the present Protocol, even if their territory lies outside the geographical scope of EMEP, as well as, subject to approval by the Executive Body, on the recommendation of the Steering Body of EMEP, by any other country, organization or individual which wishes to contribute to the work programme.

^a The international centres are at present: the Chemical Co-ordinating Centre, the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-East and the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre-West.