

53.1 With a view to avoiding duplication, overlap and conflicts between the institutional structures and mechanisms and procedures established or defined by the Convention and those established or defined by the Protocol, the Parties to the Protocol may seek guidance on these matters from the Conference of the Parties.

53.2 Except as otherwise provided in this Protocol, the provisions of the Convention relating to its protocols shall apply to this Protocol.]

**(To be taken up in conjunction with other parts of the draft)**

*Proposal 2*

[54. New commitments of the Parties adopted under the instrument do not cancel, reconsider or prolong commitments adopted by Annex I Parties for the period before 2000 (see Article 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention).]

*Proposal 3*

[55. The protocol/another legal instrument is a supplement to, and is an integral part of, the Convention.]

**C. Adoption and amendment of annexes<sup>4</sup>**

*Proposal 1*

56. Annexes to the Protocol shall form an integral part thereof and, unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to the Protocol constitutes at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto. Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles .... [such annexes other than those adopted together with the Protocol shall be restricted to lists, forms and any other material of a descriptive nature that is of a scientific, technical, procedural or administrative character.]

56.1 Any Party may make proposals for an annex to the Protocol and may propose amendments to annexes to the Protocol.

56.2 Proposals for an annex to the Protocol and [save as provided in paragraph 11.6 below] for amendments to annexes to the Protocol shall be adopted at a session of the Conference of the Parties. The text of any proposed annex to the Protocol shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least three months before the session at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat shall also communicate any proposed annex to the Protocol or any amendment to an annex to the Protocol to the signatories to the Protocol and, for information, to the Depositary.

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<sup>4</sup> If required