

4. The following provisions shall be subject to a simplified amendment procedure:

schedules [as specified in the Annex on Chemicals]  
guidelines [as specified in the Annex on Chemicals] 1/  
... 2/

5. (a) Proposals for amendments under a simplified amendment procedure shall be transmitted together with the necessary information to the Director-General of the Technical Secretariat. Additional information for the evaluation of the proposal may be provided by any State Party and the Director-General. The Director-General shall promptly communicate any such proposals and information to all States Parties and the Executive Council;

(b) The Executive Council shall examine the proposal in the light of all information available to it. Not later than 90 days after its receipt, the Executive Council shall notify its recommendation to all States Parties for consideration. States Parties shall acknowledge receipt within 10 days;

(c) If the Executive Council recommends to all States Parties that the proposal be adopted, it shall be considered approved if no more than [x] States Parties object to it not later than 90 days after receipt of the recommendation. If the Executive Council recommends that the proposal be rejected, it shall be considered rejected if no more than [x] States Parties object to the rejection not later than 90 days after receipt of the recommendation; 3/

(d) If a recommendation of the Executive Council does not meet with the acceptance required under subparagraph (c), a decision on the proposal shall be taken as a matter of substance by the Conference of the States Parties at its next session;

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1/ Views were expressed that the revision of guidelines should not be subject to a simplified amendment procedure.

2/ The list of other relevant provisions has to be established at a later stage.

3/ The view was expressed that this amendment procedure should not constitute a precedent with regard to powers and functioning of the Executive Council.