

30.8 *Provisions that may be proposed later concerning the establishment of a compensation mechanism, arbitration of claims and alternatives to such arbitration should be inserted.*

30.9 The IPCC shall assist in the preparation of recommendations on ways of mitigating the possible negative economic, social and ecological impacts of new commitments for Annex I Parties on developing countries and countries with economies in transition.]

## I. Measurement, reporting and communication of information

### *Approach*

[31. Communication of information related to implementation of this protocol/another legal instrument shall be [in accordance with Article 12 of the Convention.] [accomplished as follows:]

[31.1 Each Annex [Q] and Annex [Q1] Party shall have in place by [the first year of its first budget period] a national system for the accurate measurement of anthropogenic emissions by sources, and removals by sinks, of greenhouse gases.

31.2 For the purposes of implementing the paragraph above and promoting comparability, consistency, and transparency, the Parties shall, not later than their first meeting, decide on agreed best available methods for the measurement by Parties of anthropogenic emissions by sources, and removals by sinks, of greenhouse gases, taking into account the best available methods determined by the IPCC and other expert bodies. [They shall also decide on appropriate adjustments to measurements of emissions and removals where agreed best available methods have not been used.] The Parties shall periodically update agreed best available methods and adjustments based on evolving scientific knowledge, including advice from the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice referred to in Article 12.

31.3 Each Annex [Q] and Annex [Q1] Party shall put in place, if it has not already done so, national compliance and enforcement programmes relevant to its implementation of the obligations under this Protocol.]

[31.4 The provisions of the Convention as well as the existing relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties of the Convention apply mutatis mutandis. Hence, Parties [to the Protocol] shall submit consolidated reports on the policies and measures adopted as well as on the specific estimate of their effects [on the basis of the already existing regime.]

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[31.5 Each Party [to this Protocol] listed in [Annex I to the Convention/Annex Q] shall [include as part of national communications submitted under Article 12 of the Convention/ communicate] [through/to the secretariat] to the Conference of the Parties the following information [in accordance with guidelines which the Parties adopt at their first meeting, taking into account any relevant guidelines adopted by the Parties to the