

51.3 Instruments of acceptance in respect of an amendment shall be deposited with the Depository. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 6.2 above shall enter into force for those Parties having accepted it on the ninetieth day after the date of receipt by the Depository of an instrument of acceptance by at least [two-thirds/three-fourths] of the Parties to the Protocol.

51.4 The amendment shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the date on which that Party deposits with the Depository its instrument of acceptance of the said amendment.

51.5 For the purposes of this Article, "Parties present and voting" means Parties to the Protocol present and casting an affirmative or negative vote.

Proposal 2

52. Any Party to the Convention may propose amendments to this Protocol. For purposes of Article 17.5 of the Convention, the phrase "Decisions under any Protocol" shall not be interpreted or applied to include adoption of an amendment to this Protocol. The authority to adopt the foregoing is vested in the Conference of the Parties.

52.1 Amendments to this Protocol may be adopted only at an ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties by consensus. The text of any proposed amendment shall be prepared in one of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and shall be translated into each of the other languages, and the secretariat shall communicate the text of the proposed amendment to each of the Parties to the Convention in one of those languages reasonably believed by the secretariat to be preferred by the Party to the Convention at least six months before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties at which it is proposed for adoption. The secretariat also shall communicate proposed amendments to the signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depository.

52.2 An adopted amendment shall be communicated by the secretariat to the Depository, who shall circulate it to each of the Parties for ratification or acceptance in one of the languages identified in paragraph 7.1 above that is reasonably believed by the Depository to be preferred by the Party. Instruments of ratification or acceptance in respect of an amendment shall be deposited with the Depository. An amendment adopted in accordance with paragraph 7.1 above shall enter into force for those Parties having ratified or accepted it on the ninetieth day after the date of receipt by the Depository of an instrument of ratification or acceptance by at least three fourths of the Parties.

52.3 An adopted amendment shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the date on which that Party deposits with the Depository its instrument of ratification, acceptance or accession with respect to the amendment.

B. Relationship to the Convention

Proposal 1

[53. Parties shall bear in mind that the Conference of the Parties, as the supreme body of the Convention, must also keep under regular review the implementation of any related legal instruments, such as this Protocol.