

9. (a) Based on the assessments made pursuant to Article 6, the Parties may decide whether:
- (i) adjustments to the ozone depleting potentials specified in Annex A should be made and, if so, what the adjustments should be; and
  - (ii) further adjustments and reductions of production or consumption of the controlled substances from 1986 levels should be undertaken and, if so, what the scope, amount and timing of any such adjustments and reductions should be.
- (b) Proposals for such adjustments shall be communicated to the Parties by the secretariat at least six months before the meeting of the Parties at which they are proposed for adoption.
- (c) In taking such decisions, the Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted, and no agreement reached, such decisions shall, as a last resort, be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting representing at least fifty per cent of the total consumption of the controlled substances of the Parties.
- (d) The decisions, which shall be binding on all Parties, shall forthwith be communicated to the Parties by the Depositary. Unless otherwise provided in the decisions, they shall enter into force on the expiry of six months from the date of the circulation of the communication by the Depositary.
10. (a) Based on the assessments made pursuant to Article 6 of this Protocol and in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 9 of the Convention, the Parties may decide:
- (i) whether any substances, and if so which, should be added to or removed from any annex to this Protocol; and
  - (ii) the mechanism, scope and timing of the control measures that should apply to those substances;
- (b) Any such decision shall become effective, provided that it has been accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting.
11. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Article, Parties may take more stringent measures than those required by this Article.