

### C. Relationship with the Convention

133. 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.

134. To avoid duplication, overlap and conflicts between the institutional structures and reporting requirements established by the Convention and those established by the Protocol, the first Meeting of the Parties shall seek guidance on these matters from the Conference of the Parties.

135. Except as otherwise provided in this Protocol, the provisions of the Convention relating to its protocols shall apply to this Protocol.<sup>100</sup>

136. 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 the year 2000 (subparagraphs 4.2(a) and (b) of the Convention).<sup>101</sup>

### D. Adoption and amendment of Annexes

#### *Proposal 1*

137. The Meeting of the Parties may adopt annexes to this Protocol. Such annexes shall form an integral part thereof and, unless otherwise expressly provided, a reference to the Protocol shall constitute at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto.

138. Annexes to the Protocol shall be proposed and adopted in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 10, paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

139. An annex that has been adopted in accordance with paragraph 2 above shall enter into force for all Parties to the Protocol six months after the date of the communication by the Depositary to such Parties of the adoption of the annex, except for those Parties that have notified the Depositary, in writing, within that period of their non-acceptance of the annex. The annex shall enter into force for Parties which withdraw their notification of non-acceptance on the ninetieth day after the date on which withdrawal of such notification has been received by the Depositary.

140. The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to annexes to the Protocol shall be subject to the same procedure as that for the proposal and adoption of annexes to the Protocol in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

141. If the adoption of an annex or an amendment to an annex involves an amendment to the Protocol, that annex or amendment to an annex shall not enter into force until such time as the amendment to the Protocol enters into force.<sup>102</sup>

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