

3. The instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who will perform the functions of the depositary.

ARTICLE 10

Entry into Force

1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date on which:

- (a) instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession have been deposited by at least nineteen States and Organizations referred to in article 8 paragraph 1 which are within the geographical scope of EMEP; and
- (b) the aggregate of the UN assessment rates for such States and Organizations exceeds forty per cent.

2. For each State and Organization referred to in article 8, paragraph 1, which ratifies, accepts or approves the present protocol or accedes thereto after the requirements for entry into force laid down in paragraph 1 above have been met, the Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or Organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.

ARTICLE 11

Withdrawal

1. At any time after five years from the date on which the present Protocol has come into force with respect to a Contracting Party, that Contracting Party may withdraw from it by giving written notification to the depositary. Any such withdrawal shall take effect on the ninetieth day after the date of its receipt by the depositary.

2. Withdrawal shall not affect the financial obligations of the withdrawing Party until the date on which the withdrawal takes effect.

ARTICLE 12

Authentic Texts

The original of the present Protocol, of which the English, French and Russian texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.