PROTOCOL TO THE 1979⁽¹⁾ CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANS-BOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION ON LONG-TERM FINANCING OF THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMME FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTANTS IN EUROPE (EMEP)

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

RECALLING that the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") entered into force on 16 March 1983,

AWARE of the importance of the "Co-operative programme for the monitoring and evaluation of the long-range transmission of air pollutants in Europe" (hereinafter referred to as EMEP), as provided for in Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention,

COGNIZANT of the positive results achieved so far in the implementation of EMEP,

RECOGNIZING that the implementation of EMEP has hitherto been made possible by financial means provided by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and by voluntary contributions from Governments,

BEARING IN MIND that since the UNEP contribution will continue only until the end of 1984, and that since this contribution together with the voluntary contributions from Governments have been inadequate to support fully the EMEP work plan, it will therefore be necessary to provide for long-term funding after 1984,

CONSIDERING the appeal of the Economic Commission for Europe to ECE member Governments, contained in its decision B (XXXVIII), to make available, on a basis to be agreed at the first meeting of the Executive Body for the Convention (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Body"), the financial resources to enable the Executive Body to carry out its activities, in particular as regards the work of EMEP,

NOTING that the Convention does not contain any provisions for financing EMEP and that it is, therefore, necessary to make appropriate arrangements regarding this matter,

CONSIDERING the elements to guide the drafting of a formal instrument supplementing the convention, as listed in recommendations adopted by the Executive Body at its first session (7-10 June 1983),

HAVE AGREED as follows:

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1983 No. 34.