

also be inscribed in Annex [A], but such member States shall not individually be responsible under this instrument for performance of such QELROs;

- (ii) In the absence of the certification of competence required in subparagraph (i) above, the QELROs applicable to each member State shall be inscribed in Annex [A]. Each member State shall individually be responsible for performance of that QELRO to the same extent that other Parties listed in that Annex are for the QELROs listed for them;
- (iii) The Party or Parties responsible under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above for performance of QELRO commitments shall also be responsible for obligations under this instrument to report on performance of those commitments; and
- (iv) In respect of commitments under this instrument other than QELRO commitments and the reporting obligations referred to in subparagraph (iii) above, an organization and its member States shall decide on their respective responsibilities for the performance of such obligations and shall notify the Depositary of that apportionment of responsibility in their respective instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. In such cases, the organization shall be bound to perform that part of the obligations it notifies that it will undertake and the member States shall each be bound to perform all other obligations. In the absence of such notification, the member States shall individually be responsible for performance of all such obligations.

(d) Without limiting the scope of any of the foregoing provisions, the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession of regional economic integration organization shall not be effective unless and until the following two conditions are met:

- (i) The organization has declared in detail in its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession the precise nature and extent of its competence with respect to matters governed by the instrument, with reference to particular treaty provisions, laws, measures, procedures, decisions, administrative actions, directives, regulations, recommendations, opinions or any other materials; and
- (ii) The Meeting of the Parties has determined that a declaration so made satisfies the requirements of this Article.

At its first session, after the lodgment of such an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Meeting of the Parties shall review it for that purpose and may request further information and/or make appropriate recommendations to such organizations. These organizations shall also inform the Depositary, who shall, in turn, inform the Parties, of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence.