

## **Article 24 – Adoption and Amendment of Annexes**

1. The annexes to this Convention and any related protocol shall be considered an integral part of the respective instrument. Unless specified otherwise, a reference to this Convention or any of its protocols shall include a reference to their annexes.
2. Any annexes adopted after the entry into force of this Convention or of any protocol shall be limited to scientific, technical, procedural, or administrative matters.
3. Unless otherwise specified within any protocol of its annexes, the following procedure shall govern the proposal, adoption, and implementation of **additional annexes** to this Convention or any associated protocol.
  - (a) Additional annexes shall be proposed and adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 23 paragraphs 2 and 3. The text of any proposed additional annex shall be communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. Annexes shall be adopted by consensus, or as a last resort, by a three-fourths majority vote of the Parties present and voting at the meeting. Only Parties to a protocol may vote on and adopt annexes to that protocol.
  - (b) The Depositary shall communicate any annex adopted under subparagraph (a) to all Parties. Such annex shall become effective for all Parties to the Convention or to the protocol concerned twelve months after the date of its circulation by the Depositary, except for any Party that has notified the Depositary in writing within that period that it is unable to accept the annex.
  - (c) A Party that has submitted a notification of non-acceptance under subparagraph (b) may at any time substitute an acceptance for its previous notification by depositing an instrument of acceptance with the Depositary. The annex shall thereupon enter into force for that Party on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit.
4. The procedure outlined in paragraph 3 shall similarly apply to the proposal, adoption, and implementation of **amendments to annexes** of this Convention or any protocol. Only Parties to a protocol are eligible to vote on or be legally bound by amendments to its annexes. However, suppose an amendment to an annex is connected to an amendment to the Convention or a protocol. In that case, the amendment shall not take effect until the related amendment to the Convention or protocol has entered into force.