

## Submission of Brazil on Article 24

Brazil proposes to replace Article 24, paragraphs 3 and 4, of Non-Paper 3 of the Chair of the Committee, by the following provisions:

### ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF ANNEXES

3. The provisions of Article 23 relating to the amendment of this Convention shall also apply to the proposal, adoption and entry into force of an additional annex to this Convention.

4. Any Party may propose an amendment to any annex to this Convention for consideration at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Annexes may be amended by the Conference of the Parties. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 23, the following provisions shall apply in relation to amendments to annexes to this Convention:

(a) The text of the proposed amendment shall be communicated to the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting. The Secretariat shall, upon receiving the text of the proposed amendment, communicate it to the Parties. The Secretariat shall consult relevant subsidiary bodies, as required, and shall communicate any response to all Parties not later than 30 days before the meeting;

(b) Amendments adopted at a meeting shall enter into force 180 days after the close of that meeting for all Parties, except those that make an objection in accordance with paragraph 5 and those that have made a declaration with regard to amendment of annexes in accordance with Article 27 (5).

5. During the period of 180 days provided for in paragraph 4 (b) above, any Party may, by notification in writing to the Depositary, make an objection with respect to the amendment. Such objection may be withdrawn at any time by written notification to the depositary and, thereupon, the amendment to the annex shall enter into force for that Party on the thirtieth day after the date of withdrawal of the objection.