

Integration Organizations which have signed the Charter and are Contracting Parties to the Energy Charter Treaty, on terms to be approved by the Charter Conference. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

ARTICLE 17

Amendments

- (1) Any Contracting Party may propose amendments to this Protocol.
- (2) The text of any proposed amendment to this Protocol shall be communicated to Contracting Parties by the Secretariat at least three months before the date on which it is proposed for adoption by the Charter Conference.
- (3) Amendments to this Protocol, texts of which have been adopted by the Charter Conference, shall be communicated by the Secretariat to the Depositary which shall submit them to all Contracting Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval.
- (4) Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of amendments to this Protocol shall be deposited with the Depositary. Amendments shall enter into force between Contracting Parties having ratified, accepted or approved them on the thirtieth day after deposit with the Depositary of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval by at least three-fourths of the Contracting Parties. Thereafter the amendments shall enter into force for any other Contracting Party on the thirtieth day after that Contracting Party deposits its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval of the amendments.

ARTICLE 18

Entry into force

- (1) This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval thereof, or of accession thereto, by a state or Regional Economic Integration Organization which is a signatory to the Charter and a Contracting Party to the Energy Charter Treaty or on the

for økonomisk integration, som har undertegnet charteret, og som er kontraherende parter i energichartertraktaten, på betingelser, der skal godkendes af Charterkonferencen. Tiltrædelsesinstrumenterne deponeres hos depositaren.

ARTIKEL 17

Ændringer

1. Alle de kontraherende parter kan foreslå ændringer til denne protokol.
2. Sekretariatet meddeler de kontraherende parter teksten til enhver foreslået ændring til denne protokol mindst tre måneder inden den dato, hvor ændringen foreslås vedtaget af Charterkonferencen.
3. Sekretariatet meddeler depositaren ændringer til denne protokol, som er vedtaget af Charterkonferencen, og depositaren forelægger alle de kontraherede parter ændringer med henblik på ratifikation, accept eller godkendelse.
4. Instrumenterne til ratifikation, accept eller godkendelse af ændringer til denne protokol deponeres hos depositaren. Ændringer træder i kraft mellem kontraherende parter, der har ratificeret, accepteret eller godkendt dem, på den tredivte dag, efter at mindst tre fjerdedele af de kontraherende parter har deponeret deres ratifikations-, accept- eller godkendelsesinstrumenter hos depositaren. Derefter træder ændringer i kraft for enhver anden kontraherende part på den tredivte dag, efter at den pågældende part har deponeret sit instrument til ratifikation, accept eller godkendelse af ændringerne.

ARTIKEL 18

Ikrafttræden

1. Denne protokol træder i kraft på den tredivte dag efter datoen for deponering af det femtende ratifikations-, accept-, godkendelses- eller tiltrædelsesinstrument fra en stat eller en regional organisation for økonomisk integration, som er signatar af charteret og kontraherende part i energichartertraktaten, eller på ikrafttrædelsesdatoen for