

7. Amendments to Annexes A and B to this Protocol shall be adopted and enter into force in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 20, provided that any amendment to Annex B shall be adopted only with the written consent of the Party concerned.

Article 22

1. Each Party shall have one vote, except as provided for in paragraph 2 below.

2. Regional economic integration organizations, in matters within their competence, shall exercise their right to vote with a number of votes equal to the number of their member States that are Parties to this Protocol. Such an organization shall not exercise its right to vote if any of its member States exercises its right, and vice versa.

Article 23

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be the Depositary of this Protocol.

Article 24

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature and subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by States and regional economic integration organizations which are Parties to the Convention. It shall be open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 March 1998 to 15 March 1999. This Protocol shall be open for accession from the day after the date on which it is closed for signature. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Depositary.

2. Any regional economic integration organization which becomes a Party to this Protocol without any of its member States being a Party shall be bound by all the obligations under this Protocol. In the case of such organizations, one or more of whose member States is a Party to this Protocol, the organization and its member States shall decide on their respective responsibilities for the performance of their obligations under this Protocol. In such cases, the organization and the member States shall not be entitled to exercise rights under this Protocol concurrently.

7. Ændringer til bilag A og B til denne protokol vedtages og træder i kraft i overensstemmelse med den i artikel 19 fastsatte procedure. Dog kan eventuelle ændringer til bilag B kun vedtages med skriftligt samtykke fra den pågældende part.

Artikel 22

1. Hver part har én stemme, jf. dog stk. 2.

2. Regionale organisationer for økonomisk integration tildeles, til udøvelse af deres stemmeret på områder, der henhører under deres kompetence, et antal stemmer svarende til antallet af de af deres medlemsstater, der er parter i denne protokol. Disse organisationer anvender ikke deres stemmeret, såfremt deres medlemsstater anvender deres stemmeret, og vice versa.

Artikel 23

Generalsekretæren for De Forenede Nationer er depositar for denne protokol.

Artikel 24

1. Denne protokol er åben for undertegnelse og forelægges til ratifikation, accept eller godkendelse af stater og organisationer for økonomisk integration, der er parter i konventionen. Den er åben for undertegnelse i De Forenede Nationers hovedkvarter i New York fra den 16. marts 1998 til den 15. marts 1999. Denne protokol er åben for tiltrædelse fra dagen efter den dato, hvor den lukkes for undertegnelse. Ratifikations-, accept-, godkendelses- eller tiltrædelsesinstrumenterne deponeres hos depositaren.

2. Enhver regional organisation for økonomisk integration, som bliver part i denne protokol, uden at nogen af den pågældende organisations medlemsstater selv er part i protokollen, er bundet af alle de i denne protokol fastsatte forpligtelser. Hvis en eller flere medlemsstater af en sådan organisation er part i denne protokol, afgør organisationen og dens medlemsstater fordelingen af deres respektive arbejdsmråder, for så vidt angår opfyldelsen af deres forpligtelser i medfør af protokollen. I tilfælde af denne art er organisationen og medlemsstaterne ikke berettiget til at udøve deres rettigheder i medfør af denne protokol samtidigt.