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provided by delegations, related to the preparation
of a framework convention on climate change

Note by the secretariat

Revision 1 to Addendum 4

This revision to addendum 4 contains material from China dated 12 July 1991 relating to Articles 9-26 of a draft framework convention on climate change, in addition to that previously received on 19 June 1991 relating to the preamble and Articles 1-8.

The two submissions are now contained in a single document.

List of informal papers

17/Rev.1. CHINA: Non-paper. Possible structure and some draft articles of a framework convention on climate change (relating to the preamble and Articles 1-8) (submitted on 19 June 1991); and Draft articles of a framework convention on climate change (relating to Articles 9-26) (submitted on 12 July 1991).

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(NON-PAPER)
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CHINESE DELEGATION

POSSIBLE STRUCTURE AND SOME DRAFT ARTICLES
OF A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

PREAMBLE

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION,

Being aware of the significant potential impact of climate change upon the human environment and economic development,

Recalling that the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 43/53 which states that Climate Change is a common concern of mankind,

Noting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Second World Climate Conference in 1990,

Noting the First Assessment Report of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change,

Recognizing the need to improve further the scientific knowledge of climate change and to research further into its socio-economic impact and related response strategies,

Being aware of the need to take, in light of the best available scientific knowledge on climate change, realistic and feasible measures which are beneficial to the environment without prejudicing opportunities for economic development, and stressing that measures which are likely to have negative impacts upon or to cause damage to economic and other social activities of mankind should of necessity be taken on a sound and scientific basis.

Recognizing that the international community has a common but differentiated responsibility in respect of climate change and bearing in mind that the emission of greenhouse gases affecting the atmosphere has hitherto originated mainly from developed countries, which should therefore have the main responsibility in addressing the problem,

Recognizing also the need for sincere and effective international co-operation based on the principle of equity amongst all the nations in the international community to address climate change,

Affirming that the protection and enhancement of the

environment and economic development should be co-ordinated harmoniously and be viewed in an integrated manner, taking into full account that developing countries have as their main priority alleviating poverty and achieving social and economic development.

Stressing that improvement of the international economic environment for the developing countries and promotion of their sustained economic development are prerequisites for enabling developing countries to participate effectively in the international efforts to protect the global environment,

Fully aware of the special circumstances of the developing countries, particularly their need for financial resources and the requisite technologies,

Reaffirming the principles enshrined in the Stockholm Declaration on Human Environment of 1972, particularly its Principle 21 which provides that "States have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction",

Reaffirming that the principles of sovereignty of States and of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, shall be adhered to in all international affairs, including those relating to the protection of global environment,

Determined to protect global climate for present and future generations,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

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ARTICLE 2 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. Climate change is a common concern of mankind, and countries have common but differentiated responsibilities in addressing the Climate Change issue.

2. The Parties shall conduct effective international co-operation based on the principle of equity to deal Jointly with the climate change issue without prejudice to sovereignty of states

3. The obligations shall be equitably distributed between

developed and developing countries in accordance with their responsibility and capabilities, and different timeframes be set out for implementation, noting that the largest part of the current emission of greenhouse gases originates in developed countries and that those countries have the main responsibility for combating the adverse effects thereof.

4. Environmental protection and economic development shall proceed in an integrated manner in light of country-specific conditions.

5. An appropriate level of economic development is the prerequisite for adopting concrete control measures to address climate change, and all the peoples in the world are entitled to an appropriate standard of living. Therefore, the energy consumption of developing countries must grow. Any limitation or control measures shall take full account of the per capita emission levels of various countries and the developmental needs of developing countries.

6. The special circumstances and needs of the parties that are developing countries shall be taken into full consideration, and the Parties shall exert all efforts to ensure that the developing countries are provided with the necessary financial resources and the requisite technologies and means in order to adequately address the problem of climate change.

ARTICLE 3 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

1. The Parties shall, in accordance with the means at their disposal and their capabilities:

(a) Co-operate by means of systematic observations, research and information exchange in order to better understand and assess the effects of human activities on climate and the environmental and socioeconomic impact of climate change;

(b) Adopt appropriate legislative and administrative measures, and cooperate in harmonizing appropriate policies to address climate change;

(c) Co-operate effectively with competent international organizations to meet the objectives of the Convention;

(d) Encourage the promotion of public education and awareness of the environmental and socio-economic impacts of greenhouse gas emissions and of climate change and co-operate therein;

(e) Co-operate in development and application of relevant technologies.

2. The Parties undertake to ensure, through appropriate mechanism, that Parties which are developing countries have access to the funds and relevant technologies and equipment necessary to combat the adverse effects of global climate change.

ARTICLE 4 FUNDING MECHANISM

1. The Parties shall establish, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 3, a mechanism for the purposes of providing financial and technical co-operation, including the transfer of technologies, to the Parties that are developing countries.

2. The mechanism established under paragraph 1 shall include a Multilateral Fund composed of adequate, additional and timely financial resources. Such a Multilateral Fund shall not exclude any other means or arrangements of multilateral, regional and bilateral co-operation.

3. The Parties shall agree at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through appropriate procedures, upon the specific measures to implement the obligations set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. Such measures shall be included, as appropriate, in the relevant protocols to the Convention.

ARTICLE 5 TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. The Parties shall take every practicable step to ensure that requisite environmentally-sound technologies are expeditiously transferred so as to meet the technological needs of the Parties that are developing countries in implementing the obligations set out in Article 3 above.

2. The Parties shall have the obligations to ensure that the transfer referred to in paragraph 1 be made to the Parties that are developing countries under fair and most favorable conditions.

3. The Parties shall agree at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through appropriate procedures, upon the specific measures to implement the obligations set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article. Such measures shall be included, as appropriate, in the relevant protocols to the Convention.

4. The Parties shall ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of this Article by adopting appropriate measures.

ARTICLE 6 FURTHER RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT

1. The Parties shall initiate, directly or through competent international bodies, further research and scientific assessment on:

- (a) Scientific knowledge regarding climate change;
- (b) Environmental and socio-economic impacts resulting or likely to result from climate change;
- (c) Optional response strategies and measures, including their costs and benefits and environmental, social and economic

consequences;

(d) Other matters deemed by the Parties as necessary for further research and assessment.

2. The Parties shall co-operate, directly or through competent international bodies, in ensuring the collection, validation and transmission of research and observational data through appropriate world data centers in a regular and timely fashion.

ARTICLE 7 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXCHANGE AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

1. The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of scientific, technical, socioeconomic, commercial and legal information relevant to this Convention and its protocols. Such information shall be supplied to international bodies agreed upon by the Parties. Any such body receiving information regarded as confidential by the supplying Party shall ensure that such information is not disclosed.

2. The Parties shall co-operate, taking into account in particular the circumstances and needs of the developing countries, in promoting the development and dissemination of the relevant scientific and technical knowledge. Such co-operation shall be carried out particularly through:

- (a) Exchange of scientific and technical personnel;
- (b) Appropriate training of scientific and technical personnel;
- (c) Facilitation of the acquisition of relevant technological knowledge by other Parties;
- (d) Provision of information on relevant technologies and related equipment including supply of special manuals or guides to them;
- (e) Supply of necessary equipment and facilities for research and systematic observations;
- (f) Holding appropriate seminars and training courses.

ARTICLE 8 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION

The Parties shall transmit, through the Secretariat under Article 10, to the Conference of the Parties established under Article 9 information on the measures adopted by them in implementation of this Convention and its protocols to which they are party in such form and at such intervals as agreed by the Parties.

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DRAFT ARTICLES OF A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
(Proposed by China, as an ADDENDUM to A/AC.237/Misc.1./Add.4)

ARTICLE 9 CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

1. A Conference of the Parties is hereby established. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be convened by the secretariat designated on an interim basis under Article 10 not later than one year after entry into force of this Convention. Thereafter, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at regular intervals to be determined by the Conference at its first meeting.

2. Extraordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Conference, or at the written request of any Party, provided that, within six months of the request being communicated to them by the secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.

3. the Conference of the Parties shall by consensus agree upon and adopt rules of procedure and financial rules for itself and for any subsidiary bodies it may establish, as well as financial provisions governing the functioning of the secretariat.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall keep continuous review of the implementation of this Convention and its protocols, and, in addition, shall:

(a) Establish the form and the intervals for transmitting the information to be submitted in accordance with Article 8 and consider such information as well as reports submitted by any subsidiary body;

(b) Review the scientific information and scientific assessment regarding climate change and its environmental and socioeconomic impacts;

(c) Promote, in accordance with Article 3, the harmonization of appropriate policies, strategies and measures to minimize the adverse impacts of human activities upon climate;

(d) Make recommendations on specific steps and measures relating to this Convention and its protocols;

(e) Adopt concrete measures for transfer of technology as referred to in Article 5(3);

(f) Consider and adopt, as required, in accordance with Article 13, amendments to this Convention;

(g) Consider and adopt, as required, in accordance with Article 14, additional annexes and amendments to the annexes of the Convention;

(h) Consider and adopt, as required, protocols to this Convention in accordance with Article 11;

(i) Consider amendments to any protocol of the Convention, as well as to any annexes thereto, and, if so decided, recommend their adoption to the parties to the protocol concerned;

(j) Establish such subsidiary bodies as are deemed necessary for the implementation of this Convention and its protocols;

(k) Adopt, in accordance with Articles 6 and 7, implementing programme for further research and assessment, exchange of information and exchange and training of personnel;

(l) Seek, where appropriate, the services of competent international bodies and scientific institutions, in particular the bodies and institutions with competence in matters covered by this convention, in scientific research and assessment and other activities relating to the objectives of this Convention, and make use as appropriate of information from these bodies and institutions;

(m) Consider and decide upon financial and budgetary matter of this Convention;

(n) Consider and undertake any additional action that may be required for the achievement of the purposes and objectives of this Convention.

5. The United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not party to this Convention, may be represented at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, qualified or competent in matters covered by this Convention which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an observer may be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

ARTICLE 10 SECRETARIAT

1. A Secretariat shall be established for the Convention with the following functions:

(a) To arrange for and provide secretarial service to meetings of the Conference of the Parties referred to in Article 9 and meetings of its subsidiary bodies;

(b) To prepare and transmit reports based upon information received in accordance with Articles 6, 7 and 8, as well as upon information derived from meetings of subsidiary bodies established under Article 9(4)(j);

(c) To perform the functions assigned to it by any protocol of this Convention;

(d) To prepare reports on its activities carried out in implementation of its functions under this Convention and present them to the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To transmit relevant documents and information pursuant to provisions under Articles 8, 11 and 13 of this Convention;

(f) To ensure the necessary co-ordination with other

relevant international bodies, and in particular to enter into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions;

(g) To perform other functions as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties.

2. The secretariat functions will be carried out on an interim basis by the ad hoc secretariat appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations until the completion of the first ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties held pursuant to Article 9. At its first ordinary meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall establish a secretariat for this Convention or designate the secretariat from amongst those existing competent organizations which have signified their willingness to carry out the secretariat functions under this Convention.

ARTICLE 11 ADOPTION OF PROTOCOLS

1. The Conference of the Parties may at a meeting adopt protocols to the Convention. An extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties may be convened for the purpose of negotiation on and adoption of protocols, if it is deemed necessary by the Parties and so decided by the Conference of Parties.

2. The text of any proposed protocol shall be communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat at least six months before such a meeting, as referred to in Paragraph 1 above.

ARTICLE 12 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS

1. The present Convention and its protocols shall jointly constitute an international legal regime regarding climate change. The protocol to the Convention are aimed at implementing the purposes and principles established in the Convention, specifying measures or obligations relating to certain aspects of climate change. The protocol shall be formulated and implemented in a manner in conformity with, and not contradictory to, the provisions of the Convention.

2. A State or a regional economic integration organization referred to in Article 21 may not become a party to a protocol unless it is, or becomes at the same time, a Party to the Convention.

3. Subject to paragraph 1 above, decisions concerning any protocol shall be taken only by the parties to the protocol concerned subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 above.

ARTICLE 13 AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION
AND ITS PROTOCOLS

1. Any Party may propose amendments to this Convention or to any of its protocol. Such amendments shall take account, inter alia, of relevant scientific and technical considerations.

2. Amendments to this Convention shall be adopted at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Amendments to any protocol shall be adopted at a meeting of the parties to the protocol in question, with due account taken to any proposal on amendment to the protocol as that might be put forward by the conference of the Parties to the Convention pursuant to Article 9(4)(i). The text of any proposed amendment to this Convention or to any protocol, except as may otherwise be provided in such protocols, shall be communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat at least six months before the meeting at which it is proposed for adoption. The Secretariat shall also communicate proposed amendments to the Signatories for information.

3. The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on any proposed amendment to this Convention by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted, and no agreement reached, the amendment shall as a last resort be adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of the Parties present and voting at the meeting, and shall be submitted by the Depository to all Parties for ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation.

4. The procedure mentioned in paragraph 3 above shall apply to amendments to any protocol, except that a two-thirds majority of the parties to that protocol present and voting at the meeting shall suffice for their adoption.

5. Ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation of amendments shall be notified to the Depository in writing. Amendments adopted in accordance with Paragraph 3 or 4 above shall enter into force between parties having ratified, approved, accepted or confirmed them on the ninetieth day after the receipt by the Depository of notification of their ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation by at least three-fourths of the Parties to this Convention or by at least two-thirds of the parties to the protocol concerned, except as may otherwise be provided in such protocol. Thereafter the amendments shall enter into force for any other Party on the ninetieth day after the Party deposits its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation of the amendments.

6. For the purpose of this Article, "Parties present and voting" means Parties present and casting an affirmative or negative vote at this meeting.

ARTICLE 14 ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF ANNEXES

1. The annexes to this Convention or to any protocol shall

form an integral part of this Convention or of such protocol, as the case may be, and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this convention or its protocols constitutes at the same time a reference to any annexes thereto. Such annexes shall be restricted to scientific, technical and administrative matters.

2. Except as may be otherwise provided in any protocol with respect to its annexes, the following procedure shall apply to the proposal, adoption and entry into force of additional annexes to this Convention or of annexes to a protocol:

(a) Annexes to this Convention shall be proposed and adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 13, Paragraphs 2 and 3, while annexes to any protocol shall be proposed and adopted according to the procedure laid down in Article 13, Paragraphs 2 and 4;

(b) The adopted additional annexes to this Convention or to any protocol shall be communicated by the depositary to all Parties to the Convention or all Parties to the relevant protocol. Any Party may, within six months from the date of the communication of the adoption by the Depositary, notify the Depositary in writing that it shall not be bound by the relevant additional annexes. A Party may at any time withdraw the previous notification of objection and the annexes shall thereupon enter into force for that Party. The Depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification or withdrawal of such notification received;

(c) On the expiry of six months from the date of the circulation of the communication by the Depositary, the annex shall become effective for all Parties to this Convention or to any protocol concerned which have not submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (b) above.

3. The same procedure as described in the previous paragraph shall be applied to the proposal, adoption and entry into force of the amendments to annexes to this Convention and to any protocol. Annexes and amendments thereto shall take due account, inter alia, of relevant scientific and technical considerations.

4. If an additional annex or an amendment to an annex involves an amendment to this Convention or to any protocol, the additional annex or amended annex shall not enter into force until such time as the amendment to this Convention or to the protocol concerned enter into force.

ARTICLE 15 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

1. In the event of a dispute between Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention, the parties concerned shall seek solution by negotiation.

2. If the Parties concerned cannot reach agreement by negotiation, they may jointly seek the good offices of , or

request mediation by, a third party.

3. When ratifying, approving, accepting, confirming or acceding to this Convention, or at any time thereafter, a State or regional economic integration organization may declare in writing to the Depository that for a dispute not resolved in accordance with Paragraph 1 or 2 above, it accepts one or both of the following means of dispute settlement as compulsory:

(a) Arbitration in accordance with <Annex to this Convention on the Court of Arbitration> procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first ordinary meeting;

(b) Submission of the dispute to the international Court of Justice.

4. If the parties have not, in accordance with paragraph 3 above, accepted the same or any procedure, the dispute shall be submitted to conciliation in accordance with paragraph 5 below unless the parties otherwise agree.

5. A conciliation commission shall be created upon the request of one of the parties to the dispute. The commission shall be composed of an equal number of members appointed by each party concerned and a chairman chosen jointly by the members appointed by each party. The commission shall render a final and recommendatory award, which the parties shall consider in good faith.

6. the provisions of this article shall apply with respect to any protocol except as otherwise provided in the protocol concerned.

ARTICLE 16 RELATION TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL TREATIES

This Convention shall not alter the rights and obligations of the Parties arising from other international treaties compatible with this Convention and which do not affect the enjoyment by other Parties of their rights or the performance of their obligations under this Convention.

ARTICLE 17 SIGNATURE

This Convention shall be open for signature by States and by regional economic integration organizations defined in Article 21 at _____ from _____ 199_ to _____ 199_, and at _____ from _____ 199_ to _____ 199_.

ARTICLE 18 RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE OR CONFIRMATION

1. This Convention shall be subject to ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation by States and regional

economic integration organizations. Instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation shall be deposited with the Depository.

2. The provisions of the previous paragraph shall apply with respect to any protocol adopted pursuant to Article 11 except as otherwise provided in the protocol concerned.

ARTICLE 19 ACCESSION

1. This Convention shall be open for accession by States and by regional economic integration organizations defined in Article 21 from the date on which the Convention or the protocol concerned is closed for signature. The instrument of accession shall be deposited with the Depository.

2. the provisions of the previous paragraph shall apply with respect to any protocol adopted pursuant to Article 11 except as otherwise provided in the protocol concerned.

ARTICLE 20 ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the <sixtieth> instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession.

2. Any protocol, except as otherwise provided in such protocol, shall enter into force on the ninetieth day of deposit of < > instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance or confirmation of such protocol or accession thereto.

3. For each Party which ratifies, approves, accepts or confirms this Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the <sixtieth> instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession, it shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such Party of its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession.

4. Any protocol, except as otherwise provided in such protocol, shall enter into force for a party that ratifies, approves, accepts or confirms that protocol or accede thereto after its entry into force pursuant to paragraph 2 above, on the ninetieth day after the date on which that party deposits its instrument of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession, or on the date on which the Convention enters into force for that Party, whichever shall be the later.

5. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 above, any instrument deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of such organization.

ARTICLE 21 REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
ORGANIZATION

1. "Regional economic integration organization" means an organization constituted by sovereign States of a given region which has competence in respect of matters governed by this Convention or its protocols and has been duly authorized, in accordance with its internal procedures, to sign, ratify, accept, approve, confirmation or accede to the instruments concerned.

2. Any organization referred to in Paragraph 1 above which becomes a Party to this Convention or any protocol without any of its member States being a Party shall be bound by all the obligations under the Convention or the protocol, as the case may be. In the case of such organizations, one or more of whose member States is a Party to the Convention or relevant protocol, the organization and its member States shall decide on their respective responsibilities for the performance of their obligation under the Convention or Protocol, as the case may be. In such cases, the organization and the member States shall not be entitled to exercise rights under the Convention or relevant protocol concurrently.

3. In their instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession, the organizations referred to in Paragraph 1 above shall declare the extent of their competence with respect to the matters governed by the Convention or the relevant protocol. These organizations shall also inform the Depository of any substantial modification in the extent of their competence.

ARTICLE 22 RIGHT TO VOTE

1. Each Party to this Convention or to any protocol shall have one vote.

2. Except as provided for in Paragraph 1 above, 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 which are Parties to the Convention or the relevant protocol. Such organizations shall not exercise their right to vote if their member states exercise theirs, and vice versa.

ARTICLE 23 RESERVATIONS

1. No reservations may be made to this Convention.

2. The provisions of Paragraph 1 above does not preclude a Party, when signing, ratifying, approving, accepting, confirming, or acceding to this Convention, from making declarations or

statements, however phrased or named, with a view, inter alia, to the harmonization of its laws and regulations with the provisions of this Convention, provided that such declarations or statements do not purport to exclude or to modify the legal effect of the provisions of this Convention in their application to that Party.

ARTICLE 24 WITHDRAWAL

1. At any time after four years from the date on which this Convention has entered into force for a Party, that Party may withdraw from this Convention by giving written notification to the Depository.

2. Except as may be provided in any protocol, at any time after four years from the date on which such protocol has entered into force for a party, that party may withdraw from the protocol by giving written notification to the Depository.

3. Any such withdrawal as referred to in Paragraphs 1 and 2 above shall take effect upon expiry of one year after the date of its receipt by the Depository, or on such later date as may be specified in the notification of the withdrawal.

4. Any Party which withdraws from this Convention shall be considered as also having withdrawn from any protocol to which it is party.

ARTICLE 25 DEPOSITORY

1. The Depository of this Convention and its protocols shall be the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

2. The Depository shall inform the Parties, in particular, of:

(a) The signature of this Convention and of any protocol, and the deposit of instruments of ratification, approval, acceptance, confirmation or accession in accordance with Articles 18 and 19;

(b) The date on which the Convention and any protocol will come into force in accordance with Article 20;

(c) Notifications of withdrawal made in accordance with Article 24;

(d) Amendments adopted with respect to the Convention and any protocol, their acceptance by the parties and their date of entry into force in accordance with Article 19;

(e) All communications relating to the adoption and approval of additional annexes and to the amendment of annexes in accordance with Article 14;

(f) Notifications by regional economic integration organizations of the extent of their competence with respect to matters governed by this Convention and any protocols, and of any modifications thereof;

(g) Declarations made in accordance with Article 15, paragraph 3.

3. the Depository shall register this Convention and any of its protocols in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

ARTICLE 26 AUTHENTIC TEXTS

The original of this Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this convention.

Done at _____ on the ____ day of ____ 199__.