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Article 30 – Assets

Assets acquired by State Parties through the implementation of this Protocol shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the SADC Treaty.

Part 6 – Final provisions

Article 31 – Annexes

1. State Parties may develop and adopt annexes for the implementation of this Protocol.
2. All Annexes developed to implement this Protocol shall form an integral part of the Protocol.

Article 32 – Settlement of disputes

1. State Parties shall strive to resolve any dispute arising between themselves regarding the application, interpretation or implementation of this Protocol amicably.
2. In the event that disputing State Parties are unable to amicably resolve a dispute in terms of paragraph 1 hereof the dispute shall be referred to the Committee of Ministers of Environment for an amicable settlement.
3. Any dispute arising from the interpretation and application of this Protocol which cannot be settled amicably in terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof shall be referred to the SADC Tribunal.

Article 33 – Signature

This Protocol shall be signed by the duly authorised representatives of the Member States.

Article 34 – Ratification

This Protocol shall be ratified by the signatory Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

Article 35 – Entry into force

This Protocol shall enter into force for those Member States which have deposited instruments of ratification thirty (30) days after the deposit of the instruments of ratification by two-thirds of the Member States.

Article 36 – Accession

This Protocol shall remain open for accession by any Member State.

Article 37 – Reservations

No reservation or exceptions shall be made to this Protocol.

Article 38 – Amendment

1. Any State Party may propose amendments to this Protocol.

