

Annex I

**DECISION 2001/1 ON THE COMPLIANCE BY NORWAY
WITH THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL**

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 1997/2, annex),

1. Welcomes the submission by Norway to the Implementation Committee concerning its compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2 (b) of article 2 of the 1991 Geneva Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on this matter (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 3-9) and in particular its conclusion regarding Norway's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;
3. Expresses its concern at the failure by Norway to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA specified under annex I by at least 30% by 1999 using 1989 as its base year, and to ensure that its total national annual emissions by 1999 did not exceed its 1988 levels, as required by paragraph 2 (b) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
4. Notes that Norway expects that the measures that it has adopted to implement the provisions of paragraph 2 (b) of article 2, in particular its licensing system for offshore oil loading facilities, will bring it into compliance not later than 2005 or 2006;
5. Notes with concern that, if Norway reaches the required emission reductions only by 2006, it would be in non-compliance for seven years;
6. Urges Norway to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;
7. Invites Norway to report to the Implementation Committee by 30 April 2002 on the progress that it has made with regard to the implementation of measures to reduce its VOC emissions, including information on:
 - (a) The legislative and administrative steps that it has taken to reduce emissions, in particular through the implementation of its licensing system and the progress made in introducing abatement technology in the offshore sector, as well as measures taken to reduce emissions from the use of solvents and other products;
 - (b) The further reductions in its VOC emissions since 1999; and

(c) Data on economic activities in its main VOC-emitting sectors since 1999;

Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by Norway and report to it thereon at its twentieth session.