

Annex XI

**DECISION 2002/10 ON EMISSION DATA REPORTING
UNDER THE CONVENTION AND THE PROTOCOLS IN FORCE**

The Executive Body,

Referring to the Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data adopted at the twenty-sixth session of the EMEP Steering Body, and approved by the Executive Body at its twentieth session,

Noting the importance of reliable emission data both for the purpose of reviewing Parties' compliance with their obligations under the protocols and as a basis for scientific work to further develop abatement strategies under the Convention,

A. Decision under the Convention

Acting under article 8 (a) of the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution,

1. Agrees that:

(a) The periods of time referred to in article 8 (a) of the 1979 Convention, for which available information shall be exchanged, shall be:

- (i) The calendar year for national totals;
- (ii) Every fifth year for gridded data;

(b) The air pollutants, referred to in article 8 (a) of the 1979 Convention, shall be emissions of: sulphur, nitrogen oxides, ammonia, non-methane volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, heavy metals (in particular: cadmium, lead, mercury, and if a Party considers it appropriate: arsenic, chromium, copper, nickel, selenium, zinc) and persistent organic pollutants (in particular: aldrin, chlordane, chlordecone, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene (HCB), mirex, toxaphene, hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH), hexabromobiphenyl, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins/furans, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and if a Party considers it appropriate: short-chained chlorinated paraffins, pentachlorophenol); using as guidance the definition given in annex I to the above-mentioned Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will

affect this decision unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

(c) The grid units, referred to in article 8 (a) of the 1979 Convention, for the reporting by Parties within the geographic scope of EMEP, shall be the 50 km x 50 km grid specified in annex V to the above-mentioned Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this decision unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

B. Decision under the 1991 VOC Protocol

Acting under article 8 of the 1991 Geneva Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes,

2. Specifies that:

(a) The guidelines, referred to in article 8, paragraph 1, of the 1991 VOC Protocol, according to which each Party shall report on the level of emissions of VOCs in its territory and any TOMA in its territory, by total and, to the extent feasible, by sector of origin and by individual VOC, shall be annex I and annex III, table III. A, of the above-mentioned Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

(b) The intervals, referred to in article 8, paragraph 3, of the 1991 VOC Protocol, for which Parties within the geographic scope of EMEP shall report information on VOC emissions by sector of origin, shall be annual;

(c) The spatial resolution, referred to in article 8, paragraph 3, of the 1991 VOC Protocol, with which Parties within the geographic scope of EMEP shall report information on VOC emissions, shall be the 50 km by 50 km grid specified in annex V to the above-mentioned Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

(d) The uniform reporting framework, referred to in article 8, paragraph 4, of the 1991 VOC Protocol, in accordance with which information shall, as far as possible, be submitted, shall be the reporting formats given in annex IV of the above-mentioned Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

C. Decision under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol

Acting under article 5 of the 1994 Oslo Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions,

3. Determines that the periodic basis, referred to in article 5, paragraph 1, of the 1994 Oslo Protocol, on which each Party shall report information on the levels of national annual sulphur emissions referred to in subparagraph (b), shall be annual and that submissions shall reach the secretariat before 15 February, for data other than gridded data, on inventories for the calendar year that ended 13 months prior to that date and, if necessary, for updates to data for earlier years and to the emission projections;

4. Specifies that the guidelines referred to in article 5, paragraph 1 (b), of the 1994 Oslo Protocol, shall be annex I and annex III, table III. A, of the Guidelines for Estimating and Reporting Emissions Data, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body;

5. Approves the decision by the EMEP Steering Body that the periodic basis, determined in accordance with article 5, paragraph 2, of the 1994 Oslo Protocol for the reporting by Parties within the geographic scope of EMEP:

a) Shall be annual and that submissions should reach the secretariat before 15 February, for data other than gridded data, on inventories for the calendar year that ended 13 months prior to that date and, if necessary, for updates to data for earlier years and to the emission projections; and

b) Shall be every fifth year (2000, 2005, etc.) and that gridded data should reach the secretariat no later than 1 March.