

Annex III

**DECISION 2002/2 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY NORWAY WITH ITS  
OBLIGATIONS UNDER 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, as amended in 2001, ECE/EB.AIR/75, annex V),

1. Recalls its decision 2001/1, in which it inter alia: welcomed the submission by Norway to the Implementation Committee concerning its compliance with the 1991 Geneva Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes; noted the Implementation Committee's report and its conclusion regarding Norway's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 3-9); expressed its concern at Norway's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted that Norway expected that the measures adopted would bring it into compliance not later than 2005 or 2006; noted with concern that, on this basis, Norway would be in non-compliance for seven years; urged Norway to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible; invited it to report to the Implementation Committee by 30 April 2002 on the progress made; and requested the Implementation Committee to review the progress and report to it thereon at its twentieth session;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Norway's progress, based on the information it received from Norway on 2 July 2002 (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 5-7), and in particular its conclusion that Norway remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;
3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Norway to fulfil its obligations to take effective measures to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA specified under annex I by at least 30% using 1989 as its base year, and to ensure that its total national annual emissions do not exceed its 1988 levels, as required by paragraph 2 (b) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
4. Expresses disappointment that Norway has not demonstrated that it will be able to shorten the period of seven years that it previously anticipated it would remain in non-compliance;
5. Urges Norway to fulfil its obligations under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

6. Calls on Norway to provide to the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2003 a report describing the progress it has made towards compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Norway expects to be in compliance, lists the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the VOC Protocol and sets out the projected effects of each of these measures on its VOC emissions up to and including the year of compliance;

7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Norway's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session.