

Annex III

**DECISION 2003/3 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY ITALY
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 3/01)**

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 decisions 2001/3 and 2002/4, in which it inter alia: welcomed the submission by Italy 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 reports and its conclusions regarding Italy's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 20-26, EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 13-15); expressed its concern at Italy's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted that Italy expected that the measures adopted would bring it into compliance not later than 2001 or 2002; urged Italy to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible; invited Italy to report to the Implementation Committee by 31 March 2003 on the progress made; and requested the Implementation Committee to review the progress and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Italy's progress, based on the information that it received from Italy on 31 March and 1 September 2003 (EB.AIR/2003/1, paras. 16-20), and in particular its conclusion that Italy remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;

3. Welcomes the fact that Italy's final data for 1999, 2000 and 2001 confirm a downward trend in its VOC emissions;

4. Remains concerned, however, about the continuing failure by Italy to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30% using 1990 as its base year, as required by paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;

5. Continues to urge Italy to fulfil its obligations under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

6. Calls on Italy to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report containing its final emission data for 2002

and, if these data show that it is not in compliance, setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Italy expects to be in compliance, listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the VOC Protocol and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its VOC emissions up to and including the year of compliance; and

7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Italy's progress and report to it thereon at its twenty-second session.