

Annex VI

**DECISION 2003/6 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY IRELAND
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NO_x PROTOCOL (ref. 3/02)**

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 2002/7, in which it inter alia: noted the Implementation Committee's report and its conclusion regarding Ireland's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the 1988 NO_x Protocol (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 29-36); expressed its concern at Ireland's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted that Ireland expected that the measures adopted would bring it into compliance by no later than 2004; noted with concern that, on this basis, Ireland would be in non-compliance for nine years; urged Ireland to fulfil its obligation under the NO_x Protocol as soon as possible; invited it 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 Ireland's progress, based on the information it received from Ireland on 14 April and 25 July 2003 (EB.AIR/2003/1, paras. 35-38), and in particular its conclusion that Ireland remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the NO_x Protocol;

3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Ireland to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed its emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the NO_x Protocol;

4. Notes the Implementation Committee's concern that Ireland has not provided all the information that the Executive Body invited it to present in its decision 2002/7;

5. Expresses disappointment that Ireland has not demonstrated that it will be able to shorten the period of nine years that it previously anticipated it would remain in non-compliance;

6. Urges Ireland to fulfil its obligations under the NOx Protocol as soon as possible;
7. Repeats its request to Ireland to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report describing the progress it has made towards compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which it expects to be in compliance, listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the NOx Protocol and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its NOx emissions up to and including the year of compliance; and
8. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Ireland's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-second session.