

Annex VII

**DECISION 2003/7 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY SPAIN
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NO_x PROTOCOL (ref. 4/02)**

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 2002/8, in which it inter alia: noted the Implementation Committee's report and its conclusion regarding Spain's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the NO_x Protocol (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 38-43); expressed its concern at Spain's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted with concern that Spain had been moving further away from compliance in recent years and had not indicated when it would achieve compliance; urged Spain to fulfil its obligations 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 (EB.AIR/2003/1, paras. 40-44) concerning Spain's compliance with the requirements of paragraph 1 of article 2 of the 1988 NO_x Protocol, and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding the failure of Spain to comply with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol;
3. Expresses its concern at the failure by Spain 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 with concern that Spain has not provided the Implementation Committee with the further information requested in paragraph 5 of decision 2002/8;
5. Urges Spain to fulfil its obligation under the NO_x Protocol as soon as possible;
6. Calls on Spain, unless it has provided the information pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision 2002/8 to the Implementation Committee through the secretariat no later than 18 June 2004, to make a presentation containing such information to the Executive Body at its twenty-second session;

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