

Annex VIII

**DECISION 2003/8 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY SPAIN WITH
ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 6/02)**

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. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee (EB.AIR/2003/1, paras. 56-61) concerning Spain's compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol in 1999, 2000 and 2001 following the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding Spain's failure to comply with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol in those years;

2. Expresses its concern at the failure by Spain to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30% using 1988 as its base year, as required by paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;

3. Urges Spain to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

4. Requests Spain to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report describing the progress made towards compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Spain 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;

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