

Annex IX

**DECISION 2003/9 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING  
OBLIGATIONS**

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. Takes note of the sixth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:
  - (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2002/9 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting obligations (EB.AIR/2003/1/Add.1, para. 1);
  - (b) Compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, prepared on the basis of information provided by EMEP (EB.AIR/2003/1/Add.1, paras. 3-17); and,
  - (c) Compliance by parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (EB.AIR/2003/1/Add.1, paras.18-24);
2. Notes with satisfaction the action taken by Luxembourg and Ukraine to comply with their reporting obligations under the Sulphur and NO<sub>x</sub> Protocols as called for in decision 2002/9;
3. Notes that the completeness of the emission data reported by Parties continues to improve though not the timeliness;
4. Reminds Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report emission data under the Protocols but also of submitting their final data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;
5. Notes with regret that five of the eleven Parties identified at its twentieth session as not yet being in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies are still not in compliance, based on an evaluation of their replies to the 2002 questionnaire on strategies and policies;
6. Reminds these five Parties, Luxembourg, European Community, Estonia, France and Spain, of the importance of reporting on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement as required by the Protocols;

7. Calls on:

(a) Luxembourg to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol, the 1988 NO<sub>x</sub> Protocol, the 1991 VOC Protocol and the 1994 Sulphur Protocol;

(b) the European Community to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies under the 1988 NO<sub>x</sub> Protocol and the 1994 Sulphur Protocol;

(c) Estonia to complete its reporting on strategies and policies under the 1988 NO<sub>x</sub> Protocol and the 1991 VOC Protocol;

(d) France to complete its reporting on strategies and policies under the 1991 VOC Protocol; and

(e) Spain to complete its reporting on strategies and policies under the 1991 VOC Protocol;

and in these contexts to provide, as soon as possible, but no later than 6 February 2004, all the missing information;

8. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the above-mentioned Parties with regard to their reporting on strategies and policies and to report thereon at its twenty-second session.