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The Executive Secretary  
UN-Economic Commission for Europe  
Palais des Nations  
1211 Geneva 10  
Switzerland,

Dear Sir,

**Subject: Convention on Long - range Transboundary  
Air Pollution - 2nd Sulphur Protocol (Oslo 1994)**

Cyprus is a party to the Geneva Convention (1979) on Long - range Transboundary Air Pollution and its EMEP Protocol since 1991. The national focal point in Cyprus for all matters related to the above Convention is the Department of Labour Inspection, Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance. The same Department represents Cyprus to the Executive Body of the Convention.

Cyprus will very soon deposit the instrument of ratification with the Depository, for the following three Protocols:

- (1) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes (Sofia 1988).
- (2) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Aarhus 1998).
- (3) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals (Aarhus 1998).

In addition to the above, Cyprus intends to ratify the 1994 Oslo Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions. For this purpose, the timing and levels of emissions which are proposed for inclusion in Annex II, according to Article 11 (Amendments and Adjustments) paragraph 1 of the Protocol are hereby given, based on the situation envisioned for the next 6 years:

	Emission levels kt SO <sub>2</sub> per year		Sulphur emission ceilings kt SO <sub>2</sub> per year		
	1980	1990	2000	2005	2010
Cyprus	28	46	53	48	39

I kindly ask you to arrange that the content of this letter is promptly communicated to the parties to the Convention so that a decision can be taken at the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Executive Body, which will take place in Geneva from 29 November to 3 December 2004, in conformity with Article 11 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the aforementioned Protocol.

Accept Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration,



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