

Annex XII

**DECISION 2004/12 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 seventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:
 - (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2003/9 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting requirements (EB.AIR/2004/6/Add.1, paras. 1-2);
 - (b) Compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, prepared on the basis of information provided by EMEP (EB.AIR/2004/6/Add.1, paras. 3-21 and tables 1 to 4); and
 - (c) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (EB.AIR/2004/6/Add.1, paras. 22-30 and table 5);
2. Notes the completeness of the emission data reported by Parties up to 2000;
3. Regrets, however, that a number of Parties have still not reported final and complete emission data for 2001 and 2002;
4. Reminds all 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 and complete data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;
5. Recalls that its decision 2003/9 noted that five Parties – Luxembourg, European Community, Estonia, France and Spain – that had been identified at its twentieth session as not yet in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies were still not in compliance and that those Parties were called on to provide the missing information by no later than 6 February 2004 (ECE/EB.AIR/79/Add.1, annex IX);
6. Notes with satisfaction the action taken by Spain and Estonia to comply with their reporting obligations under the 1988 NO_x Protocol and the 1991 VOC Protocol;

7. Notes with regret that Luxembourg, the European Community and France are still not in compliance, based on an evaluation of their replies to the 2002 Review on strategies and policies;

8. Urges:

(a) Luxembourg to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol, the 1988 NO_x 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_x Protocol and the 1994 Sulphur Protocol; and

(c) France 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 5 February 2005, all the missing information;

9. Recalls that the Implementation Committee noted that, by 28 July 2004, the following nine Parties had not yet provided any response to the 2004 questionnaire on strategies and policies: Croatia, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Russian Federation and European Community, and that the following five Parties had provided incomplete replies: Finland, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine;

10. Reminds all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report on their strategies and policies as required under the protocols but also of submitting their reports on time;

11. Calls on the 14 Parties listed in paragraph 9, above, to submit full reports on the 2004 Review on strategies and policies or, as the case may be, to complete their reports as soon as possible but no later than 31 January 2005;

12. 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-third session.