

Annex II

DECISION 2005/2 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY NORWAY
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 1/01)

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 decisions 2001/1, 2002/2, 2003/1 and 2004/6;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the progress made by Norway, based on the information provided by Norway on 6 and 12 April 2005 (EB.AIR/2005/3 paras. 6 to 9) and, in particular, its conclusion that Norway remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the 1991 Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes;
3. Welcomes the significant national measures that have been taken by Norway to reduce its VOC emissions;
4. Welcomes also the fact that Norway's final data for 2002 and 2003 and the preliminary data for 2004 confirm a downward trend in its total national emissions and its tropospheric ozone management area (TOMA) emissions;
5. Remains concerned, however, by the continuing failure of Norway to fulfil its obligations to take effective measures to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA specified under annex I by at least 30%, using 1989 as its base year, and to ensure that its total national annual emissions do not exceed its 1988 levels, as required by article 2, paragraph 2 (b), of the VOC Protocol;
6. Expresses its disappointment in Norway's inability, notwithstanding Executive Body decision 2004/6, to shorten the seven years it anticipated it will remain in non-compliance;
7. Strongly urges Norway to ensure that it lives up to its expectation, expressed both in writing and orally, to achieve compliance with its obligation to reduce its total national annual emissions as from 2005, and with its obligation to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA as from 2006;
8. Calls on Norway to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat,

by 31 March 2006, with information on the progress that it has made towards achieving compliance with these two obligations; and

9. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Norway's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-fourth session.