

Annex IV

DECISION 2005/4 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY GREECE
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NO_x PROTOCOL (ref. 2/02)

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. Recalls its decisions 2002/6, 2003/5 and 2004/7;
2. Notes the report of the Implementation Committee on the progress made by Greece, based on the information provided by Greece on 7 April 2005 and 26 July 2005 (EB.AIR/2005/3 paras. 14 to 18), in particular its conclusion that Greece has remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation under article 2, para. 1, of the 1988 NO_x Protocol since 1998;
3. Is seriously concerned at the continuing failure of Greece to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its annual emissions so that these do not exceed its emissions in 1987;
4. Expresses its disappointment in Greece's inability to achieve compliance with article 2, paragraph 1, of the NO_x Protocol before the year 2010;
5. Strongly urges Greece to consider taking additional measures and to implement earlier the measures it has already planned in order to fulfil its obligation under article 2, paragraph 1, of the NO_x Protocol as soon as possible, and to reduce significantly the period of 12 years that it has anticipated it will remain in non-compliance;
6. Requests Greece to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2006, and by 31 March of each subsequent year until compliance is achieved, with a report describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance and listing the specific measures taken and scheduled, including the measures referred to in paragraph (e), to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the NO_x Protocol, setting out a timetable containing annual steps for the achievement of these measures and indicating the projected effects of each of these measures on its NO_x emissions per year up to and including the year of predicted compliance;
7. Invites Greece, when deciding on the measures indicated above, to consider areas with high potential for achieving reductions of NO_x emissions, for instance, the renewal of its vehicle fleet and in particular its heavy-duty lorries and buses;

8. Calls upon Greece, until such time as it achieves compliance, to make a presentation containing the information referred to in paragraph (f) to the next annual session of the Executive Body, in any year in which it fails to provide that information to the Implementation Committee in time for its second meeting of the year;

9. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Greece's progress and report to it thereon, with recommendations as necessary, at its twenty-fourth session and subsequent annual sessions until Greece has reached compliance.