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Decision 2008/1

Reporting of the monitoring and modelling of air pollution effects under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols

The Executive Body,

Recalling that article 8, paragraph (f), of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution provides for the exchange of available information on physico-chemical and biological data relating to the effects of long-range transboundary air pollution and the extent of the damage which these data indicate can be attributed to long-range transboundary air pollution,

Further recalling that the Executive Body shall, in accordance with article 5, paragraph 4, of the Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions and article 7, paragraph 4, of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, arrange for the preparation of information on the effects of depositions of oxidized sulphur and other acidifying compounds, sulphur and nitrogen compounds and concentrations of ozone,

Noting that the importance of research and development on, and monitoring of, the effects of emissions is explicitly recognized in: article 6 paragraph (a), of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes; article 5, paragraph (a), of the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes; article 6, paragraph (d), of the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions; article 8, paragraphs (c) and (f), of the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants; and article 8, paragraph (a), of the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone,

Further noting the importance of relevant high-quality data on monitored and modelled air pollution effects for reviewing the progress of implementation of Parties’ obligations and as a basis for scientific work to further develop abatement strategies under the Convention,

Recognizing that the Guidelines for reporting on the monitoring and modelling of air pollution effects under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (hereinafter the Guidelines) apply only to Parties within the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (hereinafter the Cooperative Programme), as defined in paragraph 27 of the Guidelines, and that other Parties are encouraged to take the Guidelines into account when preparing and reporting their annual submissions and to exchange available similar information,
1. Approves the Guidelines as adopted at the twenty-seventh session of the Working Group on Effects held from 24 to 26 September 2008;

2. Decides that the exchange of information on effects between Parties should take place in accordance with the Guidelines;

3. Recommends that Parties within the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme should use the Guidelines when preparing and reporting their annual submissions on air pollution effects and exchanging available similar information;

4. Urges Parties outside the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme to have regard to the Guidelines when exchanging available information on air pollution effects.
Decision 2008/2

Compliance by Norway with its obligations under the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 1/01)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decisions 2001/1, 2002/2, 2003/1, 2004/6, 2005/2, 2006/4 and 2007/2;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the progress made by Norway, based on the information provided by Norway on 14 March (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 4 to 6), and in particular its conclusion that Norway was in 2006 in compliance with its emission reduction obligations of the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes for its tropospheric ozone management area;

3. Welcomes the achievement by Norway of compliance with its emission reduction obligation for its tropospheric ozone management area in 2006, after seven years of non-compliance;

4. Decides that there is no reason for the Implementation Committee to continue to review Norway’s compliance with its obligation under article 2.2 (b) of the Protocol.
Decision 2008/3

Compliance by Greece with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 2/02)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),


2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2007/3 on compliance by Greece with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, based on the information provided by Greece in April and July 2008 (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 7 to 12), and in particular its conclusion that the information provided by Greece did not meet the requirements of decision 2005/4, as reiterated in decision 2007/3;

3. Expresses its increasing disappointment at the continuing failure of Greece to fulfil its obligation to adopt and implement effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed its emissions in 1987, and at its continuing non-compliance since 1998 with the emission reduction obligation under article 2.1 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;

4. Notes with concern that Greece has not provided the Implementation Committee with information meeting the requirements of paragraph 6 of decision 2005/4, as reiterated in paragraph 7 of decision 2007/3;

5. Once again strongly urges Greece to fulfil its obligation under article 2.1 of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligations;

6. Reiterates its requests to Greece as articulated in paragraphs 6 and 8 of its decision 2005/4, namely:

(a) To provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat by 31 March of each 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 5 of decision 2005/4 to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol, and to set out a timetable containing annual steps for the achievement of these measures and indicating the projected effects of each of these measures on its nitrogen oxide emissions per year up to and including the year of predicted compliance;

(b) Until such time as it achieves compliance, to make a presentation containing this information 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;

7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Greece, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/4

Compliance by Spain with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 4/02)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),


2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2007/4 on compliance by Spain with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, based on the information provided by Spain in May 2008 (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 13 to 16), and in particular its conclusion that the information provided by Spain did not meet the requirements under paragraph 5 of decision 2005/6;

3. Reiterates its increasing disappointment at the continuing failure of Spain to fulfil its obligations to adopt and implement effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed its emissions in 1987 and at its continuing non-compliance with the emission reduction obligations under article 2.1 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides since 1994;

4. Notes with concern that Spain has still not provided the Implementation Committee with information meeting the requirements of paragraph 5 of decision 2005/6 and as reiterated in paragraph 7 of decisions 2006/6 and 2007/4, namely to provide a report:

   (a) Describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance listing the specific measures taken and scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol;

   (b) Setting out a timetable containing annual steps for the achievement of these measures;

   (c) Indicating the projected effects of each of these measures on its emissions per year up to and including the year of predicted compliance;
5. *Expresses its concern* that Spain does not seem to give sufficient attention to the matter of continuing and long-lasting non-compliance with its obligations under the Protocol;

6. *Urges* Spain once again to address the inconsistencies identified by the Implementation Committee on emission data and projections contained in the written and oral submissions of Spain;

7. *Once again strongly urges* Spain to fulfil its obligation under article 2.1 of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligation;

8. *Reiterates its requests* to Spain as articulated in paragraphs 5 and 7 of its decision 2005/6 and as reiterated in paragraph 7 of its decisions 2006/6 and 2007/4;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to bring this serious matter of continuing and long-lasting non-compliance to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment of Spain;

10. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to present details of the non-compliance of Spain in its annual report to the Committee on Environmental Policy and to prepare an information note detailing non-compliance of Spain, to send copies of it to each of the Parties to the Protocol and to publish it on the home page of the Convention and in the newsletter of the Commission;

11. *Requests* Spain to invite the Implementation Committee in accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of decision 2006/2, and to conduct an in-depth review of the compliance of Spain on the basis of decisions 2005/6, 2006/6 and 2007/4;

12. *Decides* to caution Spain that stronger measures will be considered by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session unless, by the time of its twenty-fourth meeting, the Implementation Committee is satisfied that significant progress has been made towards bringing Spain into compliance;

13. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Spain, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/5

Compliance by Spain with its obligations under the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 6/02)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decisions 2003/8, 2004/10, 2005/7, 2006/7 and 2007/5;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2007/5 on compliance by Spain with its obligations under the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes, based on the information provided by Spain in May 2008 (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 17 to 20), and in particular its conclusion that the information provided by Spain did not meet the requirements under paragraph 6 of decision 2006/7;

3. Reiterates its increasing disappointment at the continuing failure of Spain to fulfil its obligation to adopt and implement effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30 per cent by the year 1999, using 1988 as its base year and its continuing non-compliance with the emission reduction obligations under article 2.2(a) of the Protocol since 1999;

4. Notes with concern that Spain has still not provided the Implementation Committee with information meeting the requirements of paragraph 6 of decision 2006/7, as reiterated in paragraph 7 of its decision 2007/5, namely to provide a report:

   (a) Describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance and listing the specific measures taken and scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol;

   (b) Setting out a timetable containing annual steps for the achievement of these measures;

   (c) Indicating the projected effects of each of these measures on its emissions per year up to and including the year of predicted compliance;
5. Expresses its concern that Spain does not seem to give sufficient attention to the matter of continuing and long-lasting non-compliance with its obligations under the Protocol;

6. Urges Spain once again to address the inconsistencies identified by the Committee on emission data and projections contained in the written and verbal reports of Spain;

7. Strongly urges Spain to fulfil its obligation under article 2.2 (a) of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligation;

8. Reiterates its requests to Spain as articulated in paragraphs 6 and 8 of its decision 2006/7 and as reiterated in paragraph 7 of its decision 2007/5;

9. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to bring this serious matter of continuing and long-lasting non-compliance to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment of Spain;

10. Also requests the Executive Secretary to present details of the non-compliance of Spain in its annual report to the Committee on Environmental Policy, to prepare an information note detailing Spain’s non-compliance, to send copies of it to each of the Parties to the Protocol and to publish it on the home page of the Convention and in the newsletter of the Commission;

11. Requests Spain to invite the Implementation Committee in accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of decision 2006/2, to conduct an in-depth review of Spain’s compliance on the basis of decisions 2006/7 and 2007/5;

12. Decides to caution Spain that stronger measures will be considered by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session unless, by the time of its twenty-fourth meeting, the Implementation Committee is satisfied that significant progress has been made towards bringing Spain into compliance;

13. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Spain, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/6

Compliance by Denmark with its obligations under the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decision 2006/8 and 2007/6;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2007/6 on Denmark’s compliance with its obligation under article 3.5 (a) of the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, based on the information provided by Denmark on 28 March and 20 May 2008 (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 21 to 25), and in particular its conclusion that Denmark had failed to comply with the emission reduction obligation with regard to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons;

3. Remains concerned that, in spite of the efforts made, Denmark is still failing to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons listed in annex III of the Protocol from their level in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required by article 3.5(a) of the Protocol;

4. Expresses disappointment that Denmark has once again indicated that it will not achieve compliance for many years;

5. Urges Denmark once again to speed up implementation by considering whether there are any further additional measures that could be taken in order to shorten the period of expected non-compliance with its obligation under the Protocol;

6. Requests Denmark to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat by 31 March 2009, with a report describing the progress made towards compliance, inter alia:

   (a) Setting out a revised timetable that also specifies the year by which Denmark expects to be in compliance;

   (b) Listing specific measures referred to in paragraph 5 to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol on;
(c) Indicating the quantitative and projected effects of each of these measures on its polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons emissions up to and including the year of predicted compliance;

(d) Providing information on the application of best available techniques to reduce emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from residential combustion, taking into consideration annex V to the Protocol;

7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Denmark, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/7

Compliance by Cyprus with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 1/08)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee (EB.AIR/2008/2, paragraphs 26 to 30) concerning Cyprus’s compliance with the requirements of paragraph 1 of article 2 of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and in particular the Committee’s conclusion regarding Cyprus’s failure to comply with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol;

2. Expresses its concern at the failure by Cyprus to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;

3. Notes with concern that Cyprus does not expect to achieve compliance until 2013;

4. Urges Cyprus to fulfil its obligation under the Protocol as soon as possible;

5. Requests Cyprus to provide to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat by 31 March 2009, a report:

   (a) Providing the national emission totals for each of the emission sectors from 2004 onwards as well as their projections until 2013;

   (b) Describing the progress made towards compliance by setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Cyprus expects to be in compliance;

   (c) Listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol;

   (d) Setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its emissions of nitrogen oxides up to and including the year of compliance;
6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review Cyprus’s progress and timetable, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/8

Compliance by Liechtenstein with its obligations to report on emissions

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decision 2007/10;

2. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 44 to 74 and tables 1 to 7);

3. Remains concerned that Liechtenstein has still not provided any of the missing data for the years up to 2005, despite the request in decision 2007/10;

4. Regrets that Liechtenstein has also not reported emission data for 2006;

5. Reiterates its concern that Liechtenstein is the only Party that has not reported emission data since 2002 and has thus remained in non-compliance for five consecutive years;

6. Urges Liechtenstein to provide, as a matter of urgency:

   (a) All the missing data for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent, the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes and the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions;


7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the Liechtenstein with regard to its emission reporting obligations and to report thereon at its twenty-seventh session;
8. *Decides* to caution Liechtenstein that stronger measures will be considered by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session, unless Liechtenstein has provided the missing data by 15 February 2009.
Decision 2008/9

Compliance by Luxembourg with its obligations to report on emissions

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decision 2007/8;

2. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 44 to 74 and tables 1 to 7);

3. Notes with concern that Luxembourg has still not provided any of the missing data for the years up to 2005, despite the request in decision 2007/8;

4. Regrets that Luxembourg has not reported emission data for 2006 either;

5. Urges Luxembourg to provide, as a matter of urgency:
   
   (a) All missing data for 2005 and 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent, the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes and the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes;


   (d) Data for 2005 and 2006 and gridded data for 2005 under the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone;
6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the Luxembourg with regard to its emission reporting obligations and to report thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/10

Compliance by Greece and Romania with their obligations to report on emissions

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decision 2007/8;

2. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 44 to 74 and tables 1 to 7);

3. Regrets that Greece and Romania have still not provided the missing data up to 2005, as requested in decision 2007/8;

4. Urges:
   
   (a) Greece to provide the missing gridded data for 2000 and 2005 under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol;

   (b) Romania to provide its missing data for the base year and 2004 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

5. Reminds all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report emission data under the Protocols, including (where applicable) in accordance with any legally binding deadlines and formats, but also of submitting their final and complete data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the above-mentioned Parties with regard to their emission reporting obligations and to report thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/11

Compliance by certain Parties with their obligations to report on emissions

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 44 to 74 and tables 1 to 7);

2. Regrets that the Russian Federation has still not reported final and complete emission data for 2006;

3. Also regrets that Denmark, Estonia and Iceland have still not reported complete gridded data for 2005 under the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants; France has still not reported gridded data for 2005 under the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals; Italy has still not provided gridded data for 2005 under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol and the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants; and the Republic of Moldova has still not reported gridded data for 2005 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

4. Urges:

(a) Denmark to provide the missing gridded data for hexachlorobenzene for 2005 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

(b) Estonia to provide the missing gridded data for hexachlorobenzene for 2005 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

(c) France to provide the missing gridded data for 2005 under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

(d) Iceland to provide its missing gridded data for 2005 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
(e) Italy to provide its missing gridded data for 2005 under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol and the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

(f) The Republic of Moldova to provide its missing gridded data for 2005 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

(g) The Russian Federation to provide the missing data for 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent and the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;

5. **Reminds** all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report emission data under the Protocols, including (where applicable) in accordance with any legally binding deadlines and formats, but also of submitting their final and complete data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;

6. **Requests** the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the above-mentioned Parties with regard to their emission reporting obligations and to report thereon at its twenty-seventh session.
Decision 2008/12

Compliance by Liechtenstein and Luxembourg with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:

   (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2007/9 regarding compliance by Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Romania with their reporting requirements (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 38 to 41);

   (b) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 75 to 86 and table 8);

2. Recalls that its decision 2007/9 expressed its concern that Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Romania had not responded to the 2004 questionnaire on strategies and policies and did not respond to the request made in decisions 2005/8 and 2006/10 to reply to the 2006 questionnaire, and thus remained in non-compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for fourth consecutive year, and that those Parties were called upon to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire without delay in order to comply with their reporting obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/91/Add.1);

3. Notes with satisfaction that Iceland and Romania provided complete replies to the 2008 questionnaire and have thus complied with their obligations to report on strategies and policies;

4. Notes with regret that Liechtenstein and Luxembourg did not reply to the 2008 questionnaire and thus are not in compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2008;

5. Expresses its concern that Liechtenstein and Luxembourg remain in non-compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for five consecutive years;

6. Urges Liechtenstein and Luxembourg to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire as a matter of urgency and in any case not later than 28 February, in order to comply with their reporting obligations;
7. **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;

8. **Requests** the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by Liechtenstein and Luxembourg with regard to their reporting on strategies and policies and to report thereon at its twenty-seventh session;

9. **Decides** to caution Liechtenstein and Luxembourg that stronger measures will be considered by the Executive Body at its twenty-seventh session, unless Liechtenstein and Luxembourg have complied with their obligations to report on strategies and policies by 28 February 2009.
Decision 2008/13

Compliance by Greece, Latvia and the European Community with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:

   (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2007/7 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting requirements (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 31 to 34);

   (b) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 75 to 86 and table 8);

2. Recalls that its decision 2007/7 noted that Greece, Latvia and the European Community were not in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006, and that those Parties were called upon to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire without delay to comply with their reporting obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/91/Add.1);

3. Notes with regret that Greece, Latvia and the European Community did not reply to the 2008 questionnaire and thus are not in compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2008;

4. Expresses its concern that Greece, Latvia and the European Community remain in non-compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for three consecutive years;

5. Urges Greece, Latvia and the European Community to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire without delay and not later than 28 February 2009, in order to comply with their reporting obligations;

6. 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;
7. *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-seventh session.
Decision 2008/14

Compliance by Estonia, France, Italy and Monaco with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:

   (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2007/7 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting requirements (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 31 to 34);

   (b) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 75 to 86 and table 8);

2. Recalls that its decision 2007/7 noted that Estonia, France, Lithuania, Monaco and Portugal were not in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006, and that those Parties were called upon to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire without delay in order to comply with their reporting obligations (ECE/EB.AIR/91/Add.1);

3. Notes with satisfaction that Lithuania and Portugal provided complete replies to the 2008 questionnaire and have thus complied with their obligations to report on strategies and policies;

4. Notes that Estonia, France and Monaco provided replies to the 2008 questionnaire, but that these replies were not complete, and thus they have not yet fully complied with the request in decision 2007/7;

5. Also notes that Italy has not yet completed its replies to the 2008 questionnaire;

6. Urges:

   (a) Estonia to complete its responses to the 2008 questionnaire relating to the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes without delay and not later than 28 February 2009, in order to comply with its reporting obligations;
(b) France to complete its responses to the 2008 questionnaire relating to the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone without delay and not later than 28 February 2009, in order to comply with its reporting obligations;

(c) Italy to complete its responses to the 2008 questionnaire relating to the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds without delay and not later than 28 February 2009, in order to comply with its reporting obligations;

(d) Monaco to complete its responses to the 2008 questionnaire relating to the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions and the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals not later than 28 February 2009;

7. 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;

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-seventh session.
Decision 2008/15

Compliance by the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2),

1. Takes note of the eleventh report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (ECE/EB.AIR/2008/3, paragraphs 75 to 86 and table 8);

2. Notes with regret that the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation did not reply to the 2008 questionnaire and thus are not in compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2008;

3. Urges the Republic of Moldova and the Russian Federation to provide responses to the 2008 questionnaire without delay and not later than 28 February 2009, in order to comply with their reporting obligations;

4. 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;

5. 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-seventh session.
Decision 2008/16

Emission data reporting under the Convention and its protocols

The Parties to the Convention, the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds, the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, meeting within the Executive Body,

Referring to the Guidelines for Reporting Emissions Data under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (hereinafter the Guidelines) approved at the thirty-first session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), and adopted by the Executive Body at its twenty-sixth session (ECE/EB.AIR/97),

Recognizing that the Guidelines apply only to Parties within the geographical scope of EMEP, including those Parties whose respective national territories have a part that overlaps within the EMEP emissions reporting grid and another part lying outside the EMEP domain, and that Parties outside the geographical scope of EMEP are encouraged to take the Guidelines into account when preparing and reporting their annual submissions and to exchange available similar information,

A. Decision under the Convention, the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

Recalling the Executive Body’s decision 2002/10 on Emission Data Reporting under the Convention and the protocols in force,

Decides that the Guidelines referred to in decision 2002/10 shall be the above-mentioned Guidelines, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

B. Decision under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides

Acting under article 8, paragraph 2, of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides,

Specifies that the uniform reporting framework, referred to in article 8, paragraph 2, of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, in accordance with which information shall, as far as possible, be submitted, shall be the reporting formats given in annex IV of the above-mentioned Guidelines.
noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

C. Decision under the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

_Evening under_ article 5, paragraph 1, of the 1994 Sulphur Protocol,

1. _Specifies_ that the guidelines containing emission data for all relevant source categories used to report on the levels of national annual emission sulphur emissions as mentioned in article 5, paragraph 1 (b), of the 1994 Sulphur Protocol are the above-mentioned Guidelines;

2. _Decides_ that the format and content for emissions and other reporting under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol are those set out in the above-mentioned Guidelines, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

D. Decision under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals, the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

_Evening under_ article 7, paragraph 1 (b), of the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol),

_Recalling_ the Executive Body's decision 2005/1 on Emission Data Reporting under the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, and in particular paragraph 1 of decision 2005/1,

_Approves_ the decision by the EMEP Steering Body at its thirty-second session that, in addition to the emission projections for 2010, 2015 and 2020 as specified in decision 2005/1, Parties within the geographical scope of EMEP shall also report their data on emission projections for 2030 and longer-term projections if available (for example, 2050).