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Proposal to amend Annexes I and IV to the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

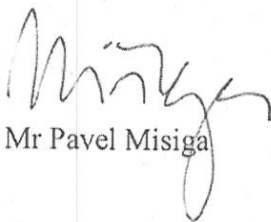
Dear Executive Secretary,

In accordance with Article 13 (1) of the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (HM Protocol), any Party may propose amendments to the Protocol.

The European Commission, on behalf of the European Community, together with Member States of the European Union which are Parties to the HM Protocol, propose to amend Annexes I and IV to the HM Protocol to enhance the possibility of countries from South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia to ratify the HM Protocol. The proposed amendments concern the reference year in Annex I and the timescales for the application of limit values and best available techniques in Annex IV.

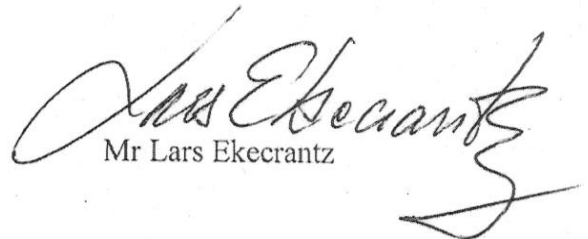
You will find enclosed the proposal for amendments. We kindly ask you to forward this proposal to the next meeting of the Executive Body of the Convention.

Yours Sincerely,



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