

Decision 2010/10
Compliance by Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy and Latvia with the
Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (refs. 7/10, 2/10, 5/10, 10/10,
3/10, 11/10)

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 (ECE/EB.AIR/2010/2, paras 34–44) concerning the compliance of Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, and Latvia with the requirements of article 3.5 (a) of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), following the referrals by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee;

2. *Expresses its concern* at the potential non-compliance by these Parties with their emissions obligations;

3. *Also expresses its concern* at the uncertainty regarding emissions factors appropriate for reporting of emissions of POPs, especially, but not exclusively, in the sector of residential combustion;

4. *Requests* Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, and Latvia to provide to the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2011 detailed information setting forth the emissions factors used in their reporting of POPs emissions as reflected in the secretariat's referrals, the basis for deriving such emissions factors and the status and details of any work to develop new emissions factors;

5. *Also requests* Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Italy, and Latvia to update their emissions reporting, as necessary, upon the development of new emissions factors;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to invite the other Parties to the Protocol on POPs to provide information on the development and use of emission factors for hexachlorobenzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and dioxins/furans in residential combustion to the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2011;

7. *Instructs* the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), consistent with paragraph 3 (c) of decision 2006/2, to provide assistance to the Implementation Committee upon its request in its review of the reporting of POPs data and the information received from Parties;

8. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review these cases of potential non-compliance in the light of the information provided, and to report to it thereon at its twenty-ninth session in 2011.
