

**Decision 2011/2**  
**Compliance by Greece with its obligations under the 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),

1. *Recalls* its decisions 2002/6, 2003/5, 2004/7, 2005/4, 2006/5, 2007/3, 2008/3, 2009/6 and 2010/3;
2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2010/3 on compliance by Greece with its obligations under the Protocol concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides), based on the information presented by Greece during the information-gathering mission to Greece in November 2010, carried out in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 2009/6, and the additional information provided by Greece in March 2011 (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/2, paras. 5–10), and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding the failure of Greece to comply with the emission-reduction obligation of the Protocol;
3. *Reiterates* 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, paragraph 1, of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;
4. *Welcomes* the progress made by Greece in the past year and the measures that allow Greece to predict that it can achieve compliance by 2013 or 2015;
5. *Notes with concern* the conclusion of the Implementation Committee's expert review team that Greece is currently not considering additional measures to achieve compliance sooner than 2013, although such measures are technically available;
6. *Once again strongly urges* Greece to fulfil its obligation under article 2, paragraph 1, of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligations;
7. *Requests* Greece, in accordance with the recommendations of the expert review team, to:
  - (a) Speed up the pace of complying with its obligations;
  - (b) Further improve its emission inventory and reporting routines; and
  - (c) Make further efforts for planning and implementing effective policy measures directed towards controlling nitrogen oxides emissions, in particular from mobile sources and large combustion plants;
8. *Reiterates* its request to Greece as articulated in paragraph 6 of decision 2005/4 to continue to report annually on its progress towards achieving compliance, with a special focus on the issues referred to in paragraph 7 above;
9. *Calls on* Greece to make a presentation specifically concerning the issues referred to in paragraph 7 above to the next annual session of the Executive Body;
10. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Greece, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirtieth session in 2012.