

Decision 2012/15 Concerning compliance by Spain with the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds (ref. 6/02)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/89/Add.1, decision 2006/2),

1. *Recalls* its decisions 2003/8, 2004/10, 2005/7, 2006/7, 2007/5, 2008/5, 2009/8, 2010/5 and 2011/4;

2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2011/4 on compliance by Spain with its obligations under the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds, based on the information provided by Spain in March and July 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/16, paras. 17–22), and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding the failure of Spain to comply with the emission-reduction obligation of the Protocol;

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, paragraph 2 (a), of the Protocol since 1999;

4. *Once again strongly urges* Spain to fulfil its obligation under article 2, paragraph 2 (a), of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligation;

5. *Reiterates* its requests to Spain, as articulated in paragraphs 6 and 8 of decision 2006/7, to continue to report annually on its progress towards achieving compliance, and in addition reiterates its requests to Spain to complement the progress report with information as articulated in paragraph 5 of decision 2009/8;

6. *Calls* on Spain to make a presentation to the next annual session of the Executive Body specifically concerning the additional information requested in paragraph 5, and in particular to present its progress on the revision of the Spanish national emission inventory and its work on identifying activities or sectors where there is still potential to further reduce emissions;

7. *Decides* to caution Spain that stronger measures will be considered again by the Executive Body at its thirty-second session if the Implementation Committee is not satisfied that further sufficient progress has been made by the time of the Committee's thirty-second session or should Spain fail to provide adequate information to enable the Committee to assess whether the measures proposed by Spain are sufficient;

8. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Spain, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirty-second session in 2013.
