

Decision 2012/16

Concerning compliance by Denmark with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)

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 2006/8, 2007/6, 2008/6, 2009/9, 2010/6 and 2011/5;
2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2011/5 on Denmark's compliance with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs), based on the information provided by Denmark in March 2012 (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/16, paras. 23–30), and in particular its conclusion that in the continued absence of the quantified effects of adopted and further measures Denmark has indicated it will take, that Denmark was not able to specify the year by which it would be in compliance with its obligations under the Protocol on POPs and that the situation of non-compliance has not improved in the past few years;
3. *Remains very concerned* that, in spite of the efforts made, Denmark still fails to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) listed in annex III of the Protocol from their level in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required by article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol;
4. *Urges* Denmark once again to speed up the implementation of envisaged measures, and to consider 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;
5. *Requests* Denmark again to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2013, with a report describing the progress towards compliance, by:
 - (a) Setting out a revised timetable that also specifies the year by which Denmark expects to be in compliance;
 - (b) Listing specific measures to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol; and
 - (c) Indicating the quantitative and projected effects of further and more effective measures to reduce its PAH emissions up to and including the year of predicted compliance;
6. *Decides* to invite Denmark to participate in one of the Committee's meetings in 2013 to elaborate on the information provided pursuant to paragraph 5 above;
7. *Also decides* to caution Denmark that stronger measures will be considered by the Executive Body at its thirty-second session if Denmark should fail to provide the information requested in paragraph 5;

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