

Decision 2013/14
Concerning compliance by the European Union with the
Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and
Ground-level Ozone (ref. 5/13 (NO_x))

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and the procedures for review (ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1, decision 2012/25, annex),

1. *Notes* the sixteenth report of the Implementation Committee concerning compliance by the European Union with the requirements of article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) with respect to nitrogen oxides (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, paras. 57–65), following referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Implementation Committee's structure and functions and procedures for review, and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding the failure of the European Union to comply with the emission-reduction obligation of the Gothenburg Protocol;

2. *Expresses its concern* at the failure by the European Union to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce and maintain the reduction in its annual emissions of nitrogen oxides in accordance with the ceiling and the timescales specified in annex II, as required by article 3, paragraph 1, of the Gothenburg Protocol;

3. *Urges* the European Union to fulfil its obligation under the Gothenburg Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Notes* with concern that the European Union did not submit information as requested by the Implementation Committee;

5. *Requests* the European Union to provide to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2014, a report describing the reasons for its non-compliance and the progress towards compliance, and providing the information requested on behalf of the Implementation Committee as outlined in document ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, para. 64;

6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of the European Union and to report to it thereon at its thirty-third session in 2014.
