

Decision 2013/15
Concerning compliance by Finland with the Protocol to
Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level
Ozone (ref. 6/13 (NH₃))

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 the compliance of Finland with the requirements of article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, paras. 66–71), 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 Finland to comply with the ammonia mission reduction obligation of the Gothenburg Protocol;

2. *Expresses its concern* at the failure by Finland to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce and maintain the reduction in its annual ammonia emissions 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* Finland to fulfil its obligation under the Gothenburg Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Notes with concern* that Finland did not submit all of the information requested by the Committee, in particular the year by which it expects to be in compliance;

5. *Requests* Finland 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, setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Finland expects to be in compliance, listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol, and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its ammonia emissions on an annual basis up to and including the year of compliance;

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