Official correspondence relating to the work of the Implementation Committee in 2013

This document provides supplementary information to the report by the Implementation Committee contained in official documents ECE/EB.AIR/2013/3 and ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4 along with the recommendations from the Implementation Committee to the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/5).
It presents an overview of all relevant correspondence sent by the secretariat and received from Parties in 2012 and 2013 concerning compliance by Parties with their Protocol obligations that are presented in the Implementation Committee reports. This overview of official correspondence was prepared by the secretariat and reviewed by the members of the Implementation Committee.

I. COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS

1. Follow up to Executive Body Decisions by Protocol

i) Obligations under the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides

1. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2010/07 on compliance by Cyprus with the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides (ref. 1/08)

27 March 2012	Information provided by Cyprus.
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a reminder to Cyprus to submit information as requested by the decisions by 1 August 2013.

2. Follow-up to decision 2011/2 on compliance by Greece with the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides (ref. 2/02)

22 May 2013	The secretariat sent a reminder to Greece to formally report the revision of the revised base year emissions for NO_x to CEIP by 15 August 2013.
20 June 2013	Greece submitted a response

ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds

1. Follow-up to Decision 2012/15 concerning compliance by Spain with the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds (ref. 6/02)

21 January 2013	Spain sent a letter regarding its compliance with the VOC Protocol
14 March 2013	The secretariat informed Spain about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) requesting information to be provided by 15 April 2013
15 April 2013	Spain submitted a response

iii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

1. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2010/8 on compliance by Cyprus with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 1/10 (Cd))

27 March 2012	Information provided by Cyprus.
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a reminder to Cyprus to submit information as requested by the decisions by 1 August 2013.

iv) Obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

1. Decision 2012/16 Concerning compliance by Denmark with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06 (PAH))

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Denmark about the decision (letter to Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested report describing progress towards compliance until 31 March 2013.
16 April 2013	Email by Denmark informing that they have missed the deadline for the report to the IC (secretariat informed that the report might still be considered if submitted in late April/early May)
24 May 2013	Denmark sent a message with a report attached
07 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Denmark as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of additional information was given as 15 August 2013.
10 June 2013	Denmark informed the secretariat of its intent to participate in IC 32

2. Decision 2012/17 concerning compliance by Estonia, Italy and Latvia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (refs. 2/10, 10/10, 3/10 and 11/10) (Estonia-HCB; Italy-PAH; Latvia-PAH, HCB, diox./furan)

(a) Estonia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Estonia about the decision and invited it to provide the requested information by 1 August 2013 (letter to Ambassador in Geneva)
29 July 2013	Estonia submitted a response.

(b) Italy

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Italy about the decision and invited it to provide the requested information by 1 August 2013 (letter to Ambassador in Geneva)
25 March 2013	Italy submitted a response.
06 August 2013	Italy submitted a report.

(c) Latvia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Latvia about the decision and invited it to provide the requested information by 1 August 2013 (letter to Ambassador in Geneva).
15 March 2013	The secretariat informed the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia about the decision and invited him to provide information on any progress until 1 August 2013.
16 April 2013	Latvia submitted a response.

3. Decision 2012/18 concerning compliance by Iceland with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 6/10 (PAH))

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Iceland about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide requested information until 31 March 2013.
27 March 2013	Iceland submitted a response.

4. Decision 2012/19 concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 14/10 (PAH; diox./furan))

10 January 2013	The Republic of Moldova sent a letter addressing the issue of non-compliance.
12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the Republic of Moldova about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited to provide the requested information by 31 March 2013.
02 May 2013	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.
07 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the Republic of Moldova as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
29 July 2013	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.

2. New referrals by the secretariat

i) Obligations under the Protocol on the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes

1. Compliance by Luxembourg with the Protocol on the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes (ref. 12/13)

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that based on the latest submissions of nitrogen oxides emission data received from Luxembourg there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by approximately 134 % and that it would bring these matters to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
15 March 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC15/13 sent).
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submits a response.

ii) Obligations under the Protocol on POPs

1. Compliance by Estonia with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 4/13 (PAH))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Estonia about its exceedance of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) emissions of the base year emission level by approximately 16 % and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
1 March 2013	Estonia submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Estonia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC7/13 sent).

2. Compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 10/13 (diox./furan))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein that based on the latest submission of dioxins/furans emission data received from Liechtenstein, there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by 17 % and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
1 March 2013	Liechtenstein submitted a response.
15 April 2013	Liechtenstein submitted a second response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC13/13 sent).
06 May 2013	Liechtenstein submitted a response.
07 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Liechtenstein as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.

3. Compliance by Lithuania with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 11/13 (PAH))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Lithuania that based on the latest submissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) emission data received from Lithuania there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by 13% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.

1 March 2013	Lithuania submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Lithuania that it would refer the case on possible non-compliance with the POPs Protocol to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC14/13 sent).

4. Compliance by Luxembourg with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 14/13 (HCB))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that the latest submissions of hexachlorobenzene emission data received from Luxembourg indicate that there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by 160% and that the secretariat would bring this matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
15 March 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC17/13 sent).
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submits a response.

5. Compliance by the Netherlands with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 16/13 (HCB))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that the latest submission of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) emission data received from the Netherlands indicate that there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by 150 % and that it would bring the above mentioned matters to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should these matters not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of these matters may require.
13 March 2013	Netherlands submitted a response (after previous request for extension of deadline of 4 March 2013).
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC19/13 sent).
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the Netherlands as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
07 August 2013	Netherlands submitted a response after previous message of 31 July informing that the information would be sent within one week.

6. Compliance by Sweden with the Protocol on POPs (ref. 21/13 (HCB))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Sweden that based on the latest submissions of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) emission data received from Sweden there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by approximately 48% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Sweden that it would refer the cases to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC24/13).
26 April 2013	Sweden submitted a response to the referral letter and note sent by the secretariat
7 May 2013	Sweden submitted a response.

iii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

7. Compliance by the Netherlands with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 15/13 (Cd))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that based on the latest submission of cadmium emission data from the Netherlands, there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by 19% and that it would bring the above mentioned matters to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should these matters not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of these matters may require.

13 March 2013	Netherlands submitted a response (after previous request for extension of deadline of 4 March 2013).
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC18/13 sent).

iv) Obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol

1. Compliance by Belgium with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 1/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Belgium about its exceedance of 2010 emission ceilings for NO_x by 22% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
28 February 2013	Belgium submitted a response .
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Belgium that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC4/13 sent).
07 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Belgium as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of additional information was given as 1 August 2013.
21 June 2013	Belgium submitted a response informing of its intent to make use of the inventory adjustment procedure.

2. Compliance by Croatia with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 2/13 (NH_3))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Croatia about its exceedance of ammonia emissions by approx. 25% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
13 March 2013	Croatia submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Croatia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC5/13 sent).
07 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Croatia as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of additional information was given as 1 August 2013.
29 July 2013	Croatia submitted a response.
13 August 2013	Croatia expressed its interest in participation in IC32.

3. Compliance by Denmark with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 3/13 (NH_3))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Denmark about its exceedance of 2010 emission ceiling of ammonia emissions by 8% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
1 March 2013	Denmark submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Denmark that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC6/13 sent).
10 June 2013	Denmark informed the secretariat of its wish to attend the IC 32.
20 August 2013	Denmark submitted another response.

4. Compliance by the EU with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 5/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed the EU about its exceedance of 2010 NO_x emission ceiling by approximately 8% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
7 March 2013	The EU submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed the EU that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee

	(Referral letter and note IC8/13 sent).
10 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to the EU as requested by the IC. The deadline for information to be sent was given as 1 August 2013.

5. Compliance by Finland with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 6/13 (NH_3))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Finland about its exceedance of 2010 ammonia emission ceiling by approximately 20 % and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Finland that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC9/13sent).
26 April 2013	Finland responded to the referral letter sent by the secretariat indicating that it had not received the letter of 4 December (the secretariat forwarded the previous letter).
05 May 2013	Finland submitted a response indicating that they would like to present at IC31.
07 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Finland as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of information was given as 1 August.
08 August 2013	Finland asked for an extension of the deadline. The secretariat informed that information sent by 15 August will be included in the documentation for IC32.
15 August 2013	Finland submitted a response.

6. Compliance by France with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 7/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed France that there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling for NO_x by approximately 26 % and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
5 March 2013	France submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed France that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC10/13 sent).
07 June 2013	The secretariat informed France of the suspension of the referral following France's expression of intent to use the adjustment procedure as requested by the IC.

7. Compliance by Germany with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 8/13 (VOC), ref. 9/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Germany that based on the latest submission of emission data for volatile organic compounds received from Germany, there is an exceedance of 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 6% and that based on the latest submission of emission data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x), there is an exceedance of 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 22 %. The secretariat further informed that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require
1 March 2013	Germany submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Germany that it would refer the cases to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and notes IC11/13 and IC12/13 sent).
07 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Germany as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of additional infromation was given as 1 August 2013.
12 July 2013	Germany sent a preliminary response in order to comply with the deadline of 1 August and expresses interest to participate in IC32.
30 August 2013	Germany sent another response.

8. Compliance by Luxembourg with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 13/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that based on the latest submissions of nitrogen oxides emission data received from Luxembourg there is an exceedance of approximately 320 % and that the secretariat would bring this matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or

	should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
15 March 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Luxembourg that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC16/13 sent).
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response and expressed interest to participate in IC32.

9. Compliance by the Netherlands with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 17/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that based on the latest submission of emission data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) received from the Netherlands, there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 4% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should these matters not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of these matters may require.
13 March 2013	Netherlands submitted a response (after previous request for extension of deadline of 4 March 2013).
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed the Netherlands that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC20/13 sent).

10. Compliance by Norway with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 18/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Norway that based on the latest submission of emission data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from Norway, there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 18% and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
4 March 2013	Norway submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Norway that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC21/13 sent).
11 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Norway as requested by the IC. The deadline for submission of requested information was given as 1 August 2013.
23 July 2013	Norway submitted a response also expressing its wish to participate in IC32.

11. Compliance by Spain with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 19/13 (NH_3), ref. 20/13 (NOx))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Spain that based on the latest submission of ammonia emission data from Spain, there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 4% and that based on the latest submission of emission data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from Spain, there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 4%. The secretariat further informed Spain that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
28 February 2013	Spain submitted a response.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Spain that it would refer the cases to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and notes IC22/13 and IC23/13 sent).
04 June 2013	Spain submitted a response including an updated assessment on the NO_x and NH_3 exceeedances.
10 June 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Spain as requested by the IC.

12. Compliance by Sweden with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 22/13 (NO_x))

6 December 2012	The secretariat informed Sweden that based on the latest submission of emission data for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from Sweden, there is an exceedance of the 2010 emission ceiling by approximately 9% under the Gothenburg Protocol and that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC

	should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
25 April 2013	The secretariat informed Sweden that it would refer the cases to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC25/13 sent).
26 April 2013	Sweden submitted a response to the referral letter and note sent by the secretariat.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

A. Follow up to Executive Body Decisions

1. Decision 2012/20 Concerning compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations

18 March 2013	The secretariat informed Luxembourg about the decision (letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
15 April 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response along with its response to the Questionnaire on Priority Compliance Review.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Luxembourg concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/20 by the deadlines Luxembourg had indicated in its response from 15 April.
1 July 2013	Luxembourg provides another response along with updated responses to the Questionnaire on Priority Compliance Review and responses to the General Policy Questions.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg provides a response on reporting obligations.

2. Decision 2012/21 concerning compliance by France, Latvia, the Russian Federation and the European Union with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

(a) France

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed France about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information until 15 April 2013.
31 July 2013	France submitted a letter containing the response to the missing question 67.

(b) Latvia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Latvia about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide information until 15 April 2013.
16 April 2013	Latvia submitted a response.

(c) Russian Federation

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the Russian Federation about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information until 15 April 2013.

(d) European Union

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the European Union about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information until 15 April 2013.
16 April 2013	The EU submitted a response.

3. Decision 2012/22 concerning compliance by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with their obligations to report gridded emission data

(a) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
9 April 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the sulphur emission ceilings under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol as well as the gridded data as requested by decision 2012/22.
3 July 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.
14 August 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia provided a response.

(b) France

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed France about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
31 July 2013	France submitted a response.

(c) Hungary

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Hungary about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
12 April 2013	Hungary submitted a response.

(d) Italy

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Italy about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
25 March 2013	Italy submitted a response (confirming the intention to provide information/data).
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Italy concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/22.
07 August 2013	Italy informed the secretariat that it submitted 2010 gridded data.

(e) Latvia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Latvia about the decision (letter to Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide information by 15 April 2013.
16 April 2013	Latvia submitted a response.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Latvia concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/22 by the deadline Latvia had indicated in its response (30 November).

(f) Republic of Moldova

10 January 2013	The Republic of Moldova sent a letter containing a request for the provision of support for expert training.
12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the Republic of Moldova about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information by 15 April 2013.
02 May 2013	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Moldova reminding it of decision 2012/22 and informing that any additional information could be provided until 15 August 2013.
29 July 2013	The Republic of Moldova provided a response.

(g) Romania

04 April 2013	The secretariat informed Romania about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide information by 26 April 2013.
23 April 2013	Romania submitted a response.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Romania concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/22.
11 July 2013	Romania provided a response on reporting obligations.

(h) Switzerland

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Switzerland about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide information by 15 April 2013.
02 April 2013	Switzerland submitted a response.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Switzerland concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide

	the data as requested by decision 2012/22.
14 August 2013	Switzerland submitted a response.

(i) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide information by 15 April 2013.
14 March 2013	The UK submitted a response indicating that the required data had been submitted to the Centre on Emission Inventories and Projections on 15 February 2013.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to the UK concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/22.
13 August 2013	The UK submitted a response.

4. Decision 2012/23 concerning compliance by Albania, Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with their obligations to report annual emission data

(a) Albania

14 March 2013	The secretariat informed Albania about the decision inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva).
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Albania concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/23.
29 July.2013	Albania submitted a response.

(b) Belgium

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Belgium about the decision inviting it to provide the requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva)
12 April 2013	Belgium submitted a response.

(c) Croatia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed Croatia about the decision inviting it to provide the requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva).
17April.2013	Croatia submitted a response *(original letter dated 29 March 2013).*
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to Croatia concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it to provide the data as requested by decision 2012/23.
23 July 2013	Croatia submitted a response.
02 August 2013	The secretariat sent a response to Croatia informing it that the base year under the Protocol on NO_x is 1987 (Article 2, Protocol text) and for the VOC Protocol it is 1988 (Article 2, Protocol text) instead of 1990.
19 August 2013	Croatia submitted a response.

(d) Czech Republic

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the Czech Republic about the decision inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva).
25 March 2013	Czech Republic sent a response explaining that the data had already been provided.

(e) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

12 March 2013	The secretariat informed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia about the decision and invited it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva).
9 April 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.
28 June 2013	The secretariat wrote to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning its reporting obligations also reminding it of decision 2012/23 and informing it that the base year under the VOC Protocol was 1988 instead of 1990.
3 July 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.
13 August 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

14 August 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

5. Decision 2012/24 concerning the reporting of persistent organic pollutants

(a) Austria

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Austria informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(b) Belgium

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Belgium informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(c) Bulgaria

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Bulgaria informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(d) Canada

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Canada informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(e) Croatia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Croatia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
17 April 2013	Croatia submitted a response *(original letter dated 29 March 2013).*

(f) Cyprus

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Cyprus informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
16 April 2013	Cyprus submitted a response.

(g) Czech Republic

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the Czech Republic informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
25 March 2013	Czech Republic submitted a response.

(h) Denmark

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Denmark informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
16 April 2013	Denmark submitted a response.

(i) Estonia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Estonia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
12 April 2013	Estonia submitted a response.

(j) European Union

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the European Union informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
16 April 2013	The EU submitted a response.

(k) Finland

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Finland informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
12 April 2013	Finland submitted a response.

(l) France

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to France informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(m) Germany

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Germany informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
25 March 2013	Germany submitted a response.

(n) Hungary

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Hungary informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(o) Iceland

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Iceland informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(p) Italy

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Italy informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
25 March 2013	Italy submitted a response.

(q) Latvia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Latvia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(r) Liechtenstein

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Liechtenstein informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
15 April	Liechtenstein submitted a response.

(s) Lithuania

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Lithuania informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
12 April 2013	Lithuania submitted a response.

(t) Luxembourg

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
17 April 2013	*Luxembourg submitted a response to a letter concerning decision 2012/20 in which it also referred to decision 2012/24.*

(u) Montenegro

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Montenegro informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
17 April 2013	Montenegro submitted a response.

(v) Netherlands

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the Netherlands informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(w) Norway

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Norway informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
15 April 2013	Norway submitted a response.

(x) Republic of Moldova

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the Republic of Moldova informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

(y) Romania

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Romania informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
05 April 2013	Romania submitted a response.

(z) Serbia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Serbia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
27 March 2013	Serbia submitted a response.

(aa) Slovakia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Slovakia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
03 April 2013	Slovakia submitted a response.

(bb) Slovenia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Slovenia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
15 April 2013	Slovenia submitted a response.

(cc) Spain

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Spain informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
15 April 2013	Spain submitted a response.

(dd) Sweden

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Sweden informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
11 April 2013	Sweden submitted a response.

(ee) Switzerland

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Switzerland informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
15 April 2013	Switzerland submitted a response (POP emission data attached).

(ff) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).
09 April 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

(gg) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

19 March 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland informing it about the decision and inviting it to provide requested data by 15 April 2013 (letter to Head of Delegation).

B. New referrals by the secretariat

a. Referrals concerning reporting of annual emission data

i) Obligations under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol

1. Compliance by Albania with its reporting obligations under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email toAlbania concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
29 July 2013	Albania submitted a response.

2. Concerning compliance by Russia with its reporting obligations under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email toRussia concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
3 July 2013	Russia submitted a response.

ii) Obligations under the Protocol on NO_x

1. Compliance by Albania with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on NO_x

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email toAlbania concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
29 July 2013	Albania submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Russia with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on NO_x

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email toRussia concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
3 July 2013	Russia submitted a response.

iii) Obligations under the Protocol on POPs

1. Compliance by Liechtenstein with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Liechtenstein concerning its missing HCB data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
19 July 2013	Liechtenstein submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Luxembourg concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.

3. Compliance by Norway with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Norway concerning its missing HCB data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.

15 August 2013	Norway submitted a response *(also see information submitted on 15 April)*.

4. Compliance by Romania with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Romania concerning its missing base year data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
11 July 2013	Romania submitted a response.

5. Compliance by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia concerning its missing base year data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
13 August 2013	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

iv) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

1. Compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Luxembourg concerning its missing 2011 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Romania with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Romani concerning its missing base year data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
11 July 2013	Romania submitted a response.

b. Referrals concerning reporting of gridded emission data

i) Obligations under the Protocol on POPs

1. Compliance by Croatia with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Croatia concerning its missing 2010 HCB gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
23 July 2013	Croatia submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Italy with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Italy concerning its missing 2005 HCB gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.

3. Compliance by Norway with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Norway concerning its missing 2005 and 2010 gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
15 August 2013	Norway submitted a response.

4. Compliance by Romania with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Romania concerning its missing 2005 gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
11 July 2013	Romania submitted a response.

5. Compliance by Sweden with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Sweden concerning its missing 2005 HCB gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.

6. Compliance by Switzerland with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on POPs

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Switzerland concerning its missing 2005 HCB gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
14 August 2013	Switzerland submitted a response.

ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

1. Compliance by Norway with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Norway concerning its missing 2005 and 2010 gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
15 August 2013	Norway submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Romania with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Romania concerning its missing 2005 gridded data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
11 July 2013	Romania submitted a response.

c. Referrals concerning reporting of projection data under the Gothenburg Protocol

1. Compliance by the European Union with its reporting obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to the European Union concerning its missing 2015 and 2020 projection data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
1 July 2013	The EU submitted a response.

2. Compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol

28 June 2013	The secretariat sent an email to Luxembourg concerning its missing 2015 and 2020 projection data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee in advance of its next meeting should the requested information not be received until 15 August 2013.
13 August 2013	Luxembourg submitted a response.