

Decision 2014/2 Establishment of the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues

The Executive Body,

Taking into account the strategic priorities set out in the Long-term Strategy for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1, decision 2010/18, annex),

Recalling its request to the Working Group on Strategies and Review in paragraph 1 of its decision 2013/22 to propose an update to the mandate of the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues to establish a task force to address emission abatement technologies for stationary and mobile sources in relation to atmospheric emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulphur dioxide (SO₂), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter (PM), including black carbon, heavy metals and persistent organic pollutants (POPs),

Also recalling its decision in paragraph 3 of decision 2013/22 to discontinue the Task Force on Persistent Organic Pollutants, while recognizing that any further work should be organized under ad hoc groups when the need arises or under the new Task Force on Techno-economic Issues,

Further recalling its decision in paragraph 4 of its decision 2013/22 concerning future work on heavy metals, and in particular the recommendation of the Working Group on Strategies and Review that future work as of 2015 on abatement technologies for reducing emissions of heavy metals be addressed under the new Task Force on Techno-economic Issues,

Acknowledging that the two lead countries, France and Italy, will continue to provide the co-chairs for the work on techno-economic issues and to support the technical secretariat functions carried out by the Interprofessional Technical Centre for Studies on Air Pollution and the French-German Institute for Environmental Research,

Decides to upgrade the Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues to the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues with the mandate as set out in the annex to this decision.

Annex

Mandate for the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues

The new Task Force on Techno-economic Issues, drawing on the expertise of the former Expert Group on Techno-economic Issues and other expertise as appropriate, shall perform the following tasks in addressing emission abatement technologies for stationary and mobile sources and other tasks requested by the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution or by the Working Group on Strategies and Review, assuming that adequate financial and human resources are available:

(a) Update and assess on a regular basis the information on emission abatement technologies for the reduction of the atmospheric emissions of SO₂, NO_x, VOCs, dust (including coarse PM (PM₁₀), fine PM (PM_{2.5}) and black carbon), heavy metals and POPs from stationary and mobile sources, including on the costs of these technologies;

(b) Create and maintain a regional clearing house of control technology information for emissions of SO₂, NO_x, VOCs, dust (including PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and black carbon), heavy metals and POPs with the aim of being a reference place for dissemination of information to the experts of the Parties;

- (c) Cooperate with the other technical bodies of the Convention — in particular the Task Force on Emission Inventories and Projections and the Task Force on Integrated Assessment Modelling — to create synergies, maximize results and optimize resources when performing its tasks;
 - (d) Cooperate with technical bodies outside the Convention as needed;
 - (e) Cooperate with the Coordinating Group on the promotion of actions towards implementation of the Convention in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia with the purpose of providing techno-scientific assistance to those countries;
 - (f) Organize seminars and workshops for the dissemination and promotion of information on abatement technologies, like the guidance documents on best available techniques and technical annexes to the protocols to the Convention;
 - (g) Provide assistance to the Implementation Committee if it so requests;
 - (h) Report on the progress in its work to the Working Group on Strategies and Review.
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