

Decision 2016/3
Improving the effectiveness of reporting on strategies, policies and other measures to implement obligations under the Convention and its Protocols

The Executive Body,

Recalling its decision 2013/2 on reporting on strategies, policies and other measures to implement obligations under the Convention and its Protocols, in which it decided to use the sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review as the format for reporting on strategies, policies and measures and to evaluate the effectiveness of such an approach at its thirty-fourth session,

Recalling its decision at its thirty-fourth session to postpone the evaluation of the effectiveness of decision 2013/2 until its thirty-sixth session (ECE/EB.AIR/133, para. 16),

Welcoming the reporting that has taken place so far,

Noting the overview of the status of reporting on strategies, policies and measures to implement the Convention and its protocols in line with decision 2013/2 included in document ECE/EB.AIR/2016/8, and in particular the issues identified for consideration on the organization of future sessions for exchange of information on policies, strategies and measures in the framework of the Working Group on Strategies and Review,

1. *Requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to review the structure and usefulness of the template used for the submission of examples and good practices of strategies, policies and measures at its next session in 2017, and to revise it if appropriate;

2. *Further requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to make relevant information on measures shared at the sessions of the Working Group available on the website of the Clearing House of Control Technologies established under the Task Force on Techno-economic Issues;

3. *Encourages* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to organize dedicated thematic (or subregional) sessions related to policies and measures to abate air pollution at its future sessions and requests that the themes be communicated in advance;

4. *Decides* that the period for reporting the information referred to in article 5, paragraph 1 (a), of the 1994 Protocol on Further Reductions of Sulphur Emissions, article 7, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and article 7, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) is at least once every four years;

5. *Invites* States and organizations referred to in article 14, paragraph 1, of the Convention that are not Parties to these four Protocols to provide information on strategies, policies and measures to abate air pollution at the sessions of the Working Group on Strategies and Review;

6. *Further decides* to evaluate again the effectiveness of decision 2013/2, as amended, once the amendments to the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol have entered into force or at its session in 2020, whichever is later.
