

# STATUS OF RATIFICATION

**An overview prepared by the secretariat on the basis of informal reports submitted by Parties to the Convention and the UN Treaty database**

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# 13 Parties submitted their informal reports

**Azerbaijan**

**Belarus**

**Belgium**

**Croatia**

**European Union (for each Member State)**

**Georgia**

**Kyrgyzstan**

- **Lithuania**

- **Poland**

- **Portugal**

- **Switzerland**

- **Ukraine**

- **United States of America**

# Gothenburg Protocol

- **9 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2017:** Canada, Czechia, EU, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden and US;
- **4 Parties** to the Convention and Parties to the original Protocol (Bulgaria, France, Ireland, and Romania) **expect ratification and/or acceptance by the end of 2017;**
- At least **6 Parties** to the Convention and Parties to the original Protocol (Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania, Portugal, UK) expect ratification and/or acceptance **in 2018.**
- Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.

# Entry into force:

- “moving target” or the “current time” approach: to calculate the number of acceptances on the basis of the number of the Parties to the Protocol at the time of acceptance;
- Currently **27 Parties** to the original Gothenburg Protocol: **18 acceptances** required for entry into force

# Protocol on Heavy Metals

- **12 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2017:** Czechia, Denmark, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and US;
- **2 Parties** to the Protocol (Cyprus and Romania) expect acceptance by **the end of 2017**;
- **8 Parties** to the original Protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, UK) expect **acceptance in 2018**
- Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.
- Currently **34 Parties** to the original Protocol: **23 acceptances** required

# Protocol on POPs

- **Amendments to annexes I and II** (decision 2009/2): **13 Parties** (Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden) **accepted amendments in 2011-2017**
- **Amendments to annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII** (decision 2009/1): **15 Parties** (Canada, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden) **accepted amendments in 2011-2017**
- **5 Parties** to the original protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, UK) expect acceptance **in 2018**.
- Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.
- Currently **33 Parties** to the original Protocol: **22 acceptances** required

# Difficulties and barriers indicated in informal reports submitted in 2016-2017

- **Need for coordination between regional and federal authorities, which makes it a lengthy political process;**
- **Changes at the government and sectoral level;**
- **Transposing the protocols' obligations into national legislation takes time;**
- **Administrative capacity is limited;**
- **Need for an in-depth analysis of implications and development of a revised national action plan for ratification;**
- **Revision of national legislation on emissions control is a challenge; measurement methodologies are outdated;**
- **Technologies used in the energy and industrial sector are outdated;**
- **Institutional barriers and lack of political priority/financing;**
- **Lack of integrated national programs;**
- **Need for modern equipment and introduction of BATs;**
- **Growing number of vehicles and development of the mining industry**

# To overcome the obstacles through:

- **Support in analyzing the implications of the ratification/implementation (cost and benefit analysis);**
- **Support in developing national action plans;**
- **Awareness raising among decision-makers;**
- **Involvement of stakeholders from government, civil society and private sector;**
- **Sharing experience on BAT introduction and implementation (workshops and study tours);**
- **Sharing experience on emission reduction from various sources and use of alternative energy sources;**
- **Advice on overcoming institutional barriers;**
- **Financial support to cover participation of experts in meetings of task forces**
- **Continued support in improving emissions reporting under the Convention**



**Thank you for your attention**

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