Twenty-First Report of the Implementation Committee

38th Executive Body meeting
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IC Chair
## Agenda

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Members: (re-)elections

1. Wendy Altobello (BE) legal expert
2. Martin Diez-Picazo (ES) technical expert
3. Jean-Pierre Chang (FR) technical expert
4. Alice Gaustad (NO) technical expert
5. Petra Hagström (SE) technical expert
6. Igor Vukovic (HR) legal expert
7. Jennifer Landsidle (US) legal expert
8. Nebojsa Redzic (RS) technical expert
9. Manfred Ritter (AT) technical expert
Mandate & Approach

- Decision 2012/25 provides structures and functions of the Implementation Committee and specifies in IV(3) a & b that the IC shall:
  - review compliance with the reporting requirements of the protocols to the Convention
  - consider any submission or referrals [...] with a view to securing a constructive solution

- Our Approach is based on
  - active co-operation with the Parties through dialog and open invitations to the meetings of the IC
  - using the expertise of (a mix of) legal and technical experts with a focus on resolving (long-standing) cases
Mandate Clarification
(para 78-80 of the IC report)

- Pursuant to decision 2013/4, as of 2017, all Parties to the Convention were expected to start exchanging available information for their gridded and large point sources emission data.
- For the first time after 2017, the IC received referrals for not exchanging available information on all agreed substances under article 8 (a) of the Convention.
- As mentioned on the previous slide, decision 2012/25 asks the IC to review compliance with the reporting requirements of the protocols rather than the convention. IC decided not to proceed with the consideration of new referrals.

- The IC seeks clarification from the EB as to whether the IC’s mandate should be expanded to include the review of compliance by Parties to the Convention with the exchange of available information under article 8.

Reminder: EB Decision 2013/4, The Parties to the Convention, Acting under article 8, paragraph (a), of the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, the Parties to the Convention, Decide that:
(a) The periods of time referred to in article 8, paragraph (a), of the Convention for which available information on emissions shall be exchanged shall be:
   (i) Annual for national totals, to be submitted by 15 February [...]
   (ii) Every fourth year, starting from 2017, for gridded and large point sources data, to be submitted by 1 May [...]


Closed referrals (in compliance): [7]

- Sweden (HCB) below ceiling
- Iceland (HCB) below ceiling
- Serbia (HCB) below ceiling
- Monaco (Cd, Hg) below ceiling
- Lithuania (Cd, Hg) below ceiling
- EU (NH3) below ceiling
- Sweden (NH3) below ceiling
Compliance with emission reduction obligations

Continue to review [7]

- Denmark (PAH) continue to review
- Norway (NH3) measures / timeline
- FYROM (SOx) continue to review
- Albania (NOx) continue to review
- Croatia (HCB) measures / timeline
- Luxembourg (HCB) continue to review
- Germany (NH3) continue to review

New referrals [1]

- Croatia (NH3)
- Denmark (NH3) has been recalled
Compliance with emission reduction obligations

Recommended EB decision

Liechtenstein (Cd, Hg, dioxin/furan, PAH, HCB) recalling EB decision of 2014/5

In spite of efforts made, still fails to fulfil obligations under the HM and POPs Protocol to reduce emissions from 1990 level. Recommends to seek advice from relevant bodies on residential wood burning

Requests to provide further information on additional measures and specify the year of expected compliance
Compliance with emission reduction obligations

Recommended EB decision

Latvia (HCB), recalling EB decision of 2011/6

Notes with regret, that Latvia, still fails to fulfil obligations under the POPs Protocol to reduce emissions from 1990 level. Invited to participate in IC meeting 2019

Calls on Latvia to report on its progress in achieving compliance to the EB on this longstanding issue
Compliance with **reporting obligations under the protocols**

**Closed referrals (Party in compliance):**

- Sweden  emission data provided
- Romania  emission data provided

- And 34 further cases closed as Parties had submitted data
Compliance with **reporting obligations under the protocols**

**To be reviewed in 2019: [8]**

- Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, France, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Referrals under Art. 8 (a) of the Convention

Awaiting clarification from the EB: [14]

- Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America
In Conclusion

- Ask for the election of nine members
- Seek clarification on our mandate in relation to Convention reporting
- Propose two decisions on emission reduction obligations