PROGRESS IN RATIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE GOTHENBURG PROTOCOL, THE PROTOCOL ON HEAVY METALS AND THE PROTOCOL ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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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20 Parties submitted their informal reports

- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Austria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czechia
- Denmark
- European Union (for each Member State)
- Georgia
- Germany
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Serbia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- The fYROM
- Ukraine
Gothenburg Protocol

• **13 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2018**: Bulgaria, Canada, Czechia, EU, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and US;

• Currently **27 Parties** to the original protocol, **18 acceptances** required in total; **5 more** acceptances needed for the entry into force.

• At least **9 Parties** to the original Protocol (Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Switzerland, UK) intend to accept amendments at the **end of 2018 and in 2019**.

• Several Parties to the original Protocol have started the process, but do not specify the date of expected acceptance;

• A number of Parties to the Convention have also started the ratification process.
Protocol on Heavy Metals

- **18 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2018**: Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and US;

- Currently **34 Parties** to the original Protocol: **23 acceptances** required in total, **5 more acceptances needed** for the entry into force

- **At least 5 Parties** to the original Protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Portugal) intend to accept amendments in 2019;

- Several Parties to the original Protocol have started the process, but do not specify the acceptance date.
Protocol on POPs

- Currently **33 Parties** to the original Protocol: **22 acceptances** required in total

- **Amendments to annexes I and II** (decision 2009/2): **16 Parties** (Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland) **accepted amendments in 2011-2018; 6 more acceptances needed for entry into force**;

- **Amendments to annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII** (decision 2009/1): **19 Parties** (Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and UK) **accepted amendments in 2011-2018; 3 more acceptances needed for the entry into force**;

- At least **4 Parties** to the original Protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary) intend to accept amendments in 2019.

- Several Parties to the original Protocol have started the process, but do not specify the acceptance date.
Remarks by Parties:

• Armenia: need for support in 1) analyzing implications (cost and benefit analysis); 2) developing national action plans; 3) awareness raising among decision makers; 4) BAT introduction and implementation; 5) emission reporting under the Convention

• Azerbaijan: Parties could consider allowing step-wise ratification

• Georgia: work on adopting the national action plan for ratification

• Poland: last 3 protocols – priority for ratification
Remarks by Parties:

• **The FYROM**: 2019-2020 - preparation for accepting amendments

• **Ukraine**: need for information and experience shared in 1) compliance with protocols provisions; 2) BAT introduction; 3) use of renewable energy; 4) reduction of emissions from transport; 5) emissions calculation and projections for the transport sector.
Thank you for your attention!