

## Draft decision 2019/X

### The review of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012

*The Executive Body,*

*Welcoming* the entry into force of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol), as amended in 2012, on 7 October 2019,

*Recalling* article 10 of the amended Protocol which indicates that Parties shall keep under review the obligations set out in the present Protocol, including the adequacy of the obligations and the progress made toward the achievement of the objective of the present Protocol,

*Recalling further* that article 10 also calls for an evaluation of mitigation measures for black carbon emissions and ammonia control measures, no later than at the second session of the Executive Body after entry into force of the amended Protocol,

*Noting* the report of the Working Group on Strategies and Review at its fifty-seventh session (Geneva, 21–24 May 2019) and the list of potential elements that could inform the scope and content of the review (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/122 and annex I), as well as the submissions provided by Parties and subsidiary bodies regarding elements of, and inputs to, the review of the Gothenburg Protocol,

*Recalling* the 2016 scientific assessment of the Convention<sup>1</sup>, the recommendations of the ad hoc policy review group of experts on the 2016 scientific assessment (ECE/EB.AIR/WG.5/2017/3 and Corr.1 and ECE/EB.AIR/2017/4) and the long-term strategy for the implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for 2020-2030 and beyond (decision 2018/5, annex),

1. *Decides* to initiate the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012;
2. *Requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to develop a plan for the review that includes its scope and content by continuing to elaborate elements for, and inputs to, the review on the basis of annex I to the report of the Working Group at its fifty-seventh session, taking into account the above-mentioned reports;
3. *Invites* Parties, subsidiary bodies, observers and other interested groups and organizations to submit views on elements to be considered in the upcoming review by 15 March 2020 to be compiled by the secretariat, and *requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to give due consideration to any views received in undertaking the task in paragraph 2 above;
2. *Requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to produce a detailed work schedule for the review, including the procedure for undertaking it, that includes a prioritization, as needed, of the elements to be considered in the review as forwarded to the Executive Body by the Working Group and contained in the annex to this decision;
3. *Further requests* the subsidiary bodies of the Convention to prioritize work that supports the review;
4. *Also requests* that the plan and work schedule to be forwarded to the Executive Body for consideration at its fortieth session (Geneva, 14–18 December 2020), with a view to concluding the review at its forty-second session, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Body.

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<sup>1</sup> See Rob Maas and Peringe Grennfelt, eds., *Towards Cleaner Air: Scientific Assessment Report 2016* (Oslo, 2016); and United States Environmental Protection Agency and Environment and Climate Change Canada, *Towards Cleaner Air: Scientific Assessment Report 2016 – North America* (2016).