

Annex II

**DECISION 2001/2 ON THE COMPLIANCE BY FINLAND
WITH THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL**

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 1997/2, annex),

1. Welcomes the submission by Finland to the Implementation Committee concerning its compliance with the requirements of paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the 1991 Geneva Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on this matter (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 11-18) and in particular its conclusion regarding Finland's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;
3. Expresses its concern at the failure by Finland to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30% by 1999 using 1988 as its base year, as required by paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
4. Notes that Finland expects that the measures that it has adopted to implement the provisions of paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 will bring it into compliance not later than 2004 or 2005;
5. Notes with concern that, if Finland reaches the required emission reductions only by 2005, it would be in non-compliance for six years;
6. Urges Finland to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;
7. Invites Finland to report to the Implementation Committee by 30 April 2002 on the progress that it has made with regard to the implementation of measures to reduce its VOC emissions, including information on:
 - (a) The legislative and administrative steps that it has taken to reduce emissions, in particular with respect to its mobile source (road and non-road) sectors;
 - (b) The further reductions in its VOC emissions since 1999; and
 - (c) Data on economic activities in its main VOC-emitting sectors since 1999;
8. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by Finland and report to it thereon at its twentieth session.