Decision 2006/10

Compliance with Reporting Obligations

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 1997/2, annex, as amended in 2001, and ECE/EB.AIR/75, annex V),

- 1. Takes note of the ninth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:
- (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2005/8 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting requirements (ECE/EB.AIR/2006//Add.1, paras. 1–3);
- (b) Compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by EMEP (ECE/EB.AIR/2006/3/Add.1, paras. 4–27 and tables 1–6); and
- (c) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (EB.AIR/2006/Add.1, paras. 28–36 and table 7);
- 2. *Notes* the completeness of the emission data reported by Parties for years up to and including 2001;
- 3. *Regrets*, however, that a number of Parties have still not reported final and complete emission data for 2002, 2003 and 2004;
- 4. *Reminds* all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report emission data under the Protocols, including (where applicable) in accordance with any legally binding deadlines and formats, but also of submitting their final and complete data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;
- 5. Recalls that its decision 2005/8 noted that four Parties Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Romania that were among those identified at its twenty-third session as not yet being in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies, were still not in compliance, and that those Parties were called on to provide the missing information no later than 31 January 2006 (ECE/EB.AIR/87/Add.1, annex VIII);
- 6. *Notes with satisfaction* that Ukraine and the European Community have completed their replies to the 2004 questionnaire and have thus complied with their obligation to report on strategies and policies;
- 7. *Notes with regret* that Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, Portugal, Romania, Spain and the European Community are not in compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2006;

8. *Urges*:

- (a) Belarus to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on Sulphur¹ and the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;²
- (b) Bulgaria to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1991 Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs),³ the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur,⁴ the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol⁵;
- (c) Croatia to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur;
- (d) Denmark to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (e) Estonia to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1998 Protocol on POPs;
- (f) Finland to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (g) France to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1991 Protocol on VOCs, the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals;
- (h) Greece to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides and the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur;
- (i) Iceland to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 and 2006 under the 1998 Protocol on POPs;
- (j) Ireland to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides and the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur;
- (k) Latvia to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1998 Protocol on POPs, the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (l) Liechtenstein to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 and 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides,

¹ Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at Least 30 Per Cent.

² Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes.

³ Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes.

⁴ Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions.

⁵ Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

the 1991 Protocol on VOCs, the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals;

- (m) Lithuania to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (n) Luxembourg to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 and 2006 under the 1985 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, the 1991 Protocol on VOCs, the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1998 Protocol on POPs, the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (o) Moldova to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals;
- (p) Monaco to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1991 Protocol on VOCs, the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur and the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals;
- (q) Portugal to comply with its obligation to report on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (r) Romania to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 and 2006 under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals, the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;
- (s) Spain to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol; and
- (t) The European Community to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2006 under the 1988 Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, the 1998 Protocol on POPs, the 1988 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol;

and in these contexts to provide, as soon as possible but no later than 31 January 2007, all the missing information;

- 9. *Reminds* all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report on their strategies and policies, as required under the protocols, but also of submitting their reports on time; and
- 10. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the above-mentioned Parties with regard to their reporting on strategies and policies and to report thereon at its twenty-fifth session.