Decision 2012/21

Concerning compliance by France, Latvia, the Russian Federation and the European Union with their obligations to report on strategies and policies

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/89/Add.1, decision 2006/2),

- 1. *Recalls* its decisions 2010/11, 2010/12, and 2010/13 and 2011/10;
- 2. Takes note of the fifteenth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/16, paras. 101–104 and table 8 in informal document No. 3):
- 3. *Notes* that the Russian Federation replied to the 2010 questionnaire on strategies and policies with regard to the Protocols to which it is a Party, but that, as the reply to one question related to the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides is still missing, it did not fully comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2010;
- 4. *Notes* that France replied to the 2010 questionnaire on strategies and policies with regard to the Protocols to which it is a Party, but that, as the reply to one question related to the Gothenburg Protocol is still missing, it did not fully comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2010;
- 5. *Notes with regret* that Latvia and the European Union still have not replied to the 2010 questionnaire and thus are in non-compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2010;
- Reiterates again its concern that Latvia failed in three consecutive reporting rounds to provide responses to the strategies and policies questionnaire, and has thus remained in non-compliance with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for six years;
- 7. Calls on Latvia to make a presentation at the thirty-second session of the Executive Body on the reasons for its failure to comply with its reporting obligations;
- 8. *Strongly urges* France, Latvia, the Russian Federation and the European Union to provide complete responses to the 2010 questionnaire on strategies and policies in a timely manner;
- 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;
- 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 to it thereon at its thirty-second session in 2013.