DECISION 2003/5 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY GREECE WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NOx PROTOCOL (ref. 2/02)

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, ECE/EB.AIR/75, annex V),

1. Recalls its decisions 2002/6, in which it inter alia: noted the Implementation Committee’s report and its conclusion regarding Greece’s non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the 1988 NOx Protocol (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 22-27); expressed its concern at Greece’s failure to fulfil its obligation; noted with concern that Greece did not expect to achieve compliance even by 2010 and that, moreover, Greece had not indicated a year by which it expected to achieve compliance; urged Greece to fulfil its obligation under the NOx Protocol as soon as possible; invited it to report to the Implementation Committee by 31 March 2003 on the progress made; and requested the Implementation Committee to review Greece’s progress and timetable and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Greece’s progress, based on the information it received from Greece on 29 April, 30 June 2003 and 4 September, and in particular its conclusion that Greece remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the NOx Protocol;

3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Greece to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its annual emissions so that these do not exceed emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the NOx Protocol;

4. Notes the Implementation Committee’s concern that Greece had not provided all the information that the Executive Body invited it to present in its decision 2002/6;

5. Expresses disappointment that Greece does not expect to achieve compliance even by 2010 and that, moreover, Greece has not indicated a year by which it expects to achieve compliance;
6. **Urges** Greece to fulfil its obligation under the NOx Protocol as soon as possible;

7. **Repeats its request** to Greece to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which it expects to be in compliance, listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the NOx Protocol and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its NOx emissions up to and including the year of compliance; and

8. **Requests** the Implementation Committee to review Greece’s progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-second session.