DECISION 2004/10 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY SPAIN WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 6/02)

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 decision 2003/8;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Spain’s progress, and in particular its conclusion that Spain has remained since 1999 in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation under paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the 1991 VOC Protocol;

3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure of Spain to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30% using 1988 as its base year, as required by paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;

4. Notes the Implementation Committee’s concern that Spain has not provided all the information that the Executive Body, in its decision 2003/8, requested it to present;

5. Expresses disappointment that Spain has not indicated a year by which it expects to achieve compliance;

6. Urges Spain to fulfil its obligation under paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

7. Repeats its request to Spain to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2005 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 obligation under the VOC Protocol, and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its VOC emissions up to and including the year of compliance;

8. Invites in addition an official from Spain with the relevant expertise to attend the fifteenth meeting of the Implementation Committee to give an oral presentation and respond to questions from the Committee;
9. **Calls on** Spain, unless it has provided the information pursuant to paragraph 7 above to the Implementation Committee by its sixteenth meeting, to make a presentation containing such information to the Executive Body at its twenty-third session;

10. **Requests** the Implementation Committee to review Spain’s progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-third session.