

Annex VI

**DECISION 2004/6 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY NORWAY
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 1/01)**

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 2001/1, 2002/2 and 2003/1;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Norway's progress, based on the information provided by Norway on 1 April 2004 (EB.AIR/2004/6 paras. 11-14), and in particular its conclusion that Norway remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the 1991 Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes;
3. Welcomes the national measures that have been taken by Norway to reduce its VOC emissions;
4. Remains concerned, however, by the continuing failure of Norway to fulfil its obligations to take effective measures to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA specified under annex I by at least 30%, using 1989 as its base year, and to ensure that its total national annual emissions do not exceed its 1988 levels, as required by paragraph 2 (b) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
5. Expresses its disappointment that, notwithstanding Executive Body decision 2003/1, Norway has not demonstrated that it will shorten the period of seven years that it has anticipated it will remain in non-compliance;
6. Strongly urges Norway to fulfil its obligations under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;
7. Calls on Norway to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2005 with a report describing the progress that it has made towards achieving compliance, in particular with regard to any acceleration of its timetable for achieving this goal; and
8. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Norway's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-third session.

