Annex VII

DECISION 2005/7 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 decisions 2003/8 and 2004/10;

2. Notes the report of the Implementation Committee on the progress made by Spain, based on the information provided by Spain in December 2004, March 2005 and July 2005 (EB.AIR/2005/3, paras. 30 to 34), and in particular its conclusion that Spain had remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation under article 2, paragraph 2 (a), of the 1991 VOC Protocol;

3. Continues to be concerned by the 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;

4. Continues to urge Spain to fulfil its obligation under article 2, paragraph 2 (a), of the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

5. Calls on Spain to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2006 with a report describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance. The report should set out a timetable that specifies the year by which Spain expects to be in compliance, set forth its base year emission data in a manner that corresponds to its recalculated emission levels in its commitment years, list the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligation under the VOC Protocol and set out the projected effects of each of these measures on its VOC emissions up to and including the year of predicted compliance;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Spain’s progress and timetable and report to it thereon at its twenty-fourth session.