Decision 2007/6

Compliance by Denmark with its obligations under the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 2006/2);

1. Recalls its decision 2006/8;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2006/8 on Denmark’s compliance with its obligation under article 3.5 (a) of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, based on the information provided by Denmark on 26 March and 6 July 2007 (ECE/EB.AIR/2007/3, paras. 21–24), and in particular its conclusion that Denmark had failed to comply with the emission reduction obligation with regard to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons;

3. Remains concerned at the continuing failure by Denmark to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce the emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons listed in annex III of the Protocol from their level in 1990, as required by article 3.5 (a) of the Protocol;

4. Expresses disappointment that Denmark has indicated that it will achieve compliance only “in a not too far future”;

5. Urges Denmark to speed up the implementation of planned measures and/or take additional measures as soon as possible to shorten the period of expected non-compliance with its obligation under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants;

6. Calls on Denmark to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat by 31 March 2008, with a report describing the progress made towards compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Denmark expects to be in compliance, lists the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and sets out the projected quantitative effects of each of these measures on its polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons emissions up to and including the year of compliance;
7. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Denmark’s progress and timetable, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-sixth session.