

Decision 2008/1**Reporting of the monitoring and modelling of air pollution effects
under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its protocols**

The Executive Body,

Recalling that article 8, paragraph (f), of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution provides for the exchange of available information on physico-chemical and biological data relating to the effects of long-range transboundary air pollution and the extent of the damage which these data indicate can be attributed to long-range transboundary air pollution,

Further recalling that the Executive Body shall, in accordance with article 5, paragraph 4, of the Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions and article 7, paragraph 4, of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, arrange for the preparation of information on the effects of depositions of oxidized sulphur and other acidifying compounds, sulphur and nitrogen compounds and concentrations of ozone,

Noting that the importance of research and development on, and monitoring of, the effects of emissions is explicitly recognized in: article 6 paragraph (a), of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes; article 5, paragraph (a), of the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes; article 6, paragraph (d), of the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions; article 8, paragraphs (c) and (f), of the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants; and article 8, paragraph (a), of the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone,

Further noting the importance of relevant high-quality data on monitored and modelled air pollution effects for reviewing the progress of implementation of Parties' obligations and as a basis for scientific work to further develop abatement strategies under the Convention,

Recognizing that the Guidelines for reporting on the monitoring and modelling of air pollution effects under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (hereinafter the Guidelines) apply only to Parties within the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (hereinafter the Cooperative Programme), as defined in paragraph 27 of the Guidelines, and that other Parties are encouraged to take the Guidelines into account when preparing and reporting their annual submissions and to exchange available similar information,

1. *Approves* the Guidelines as adopted at the twenty-seventh session of the Working Group on Effects held from 24 to 26 September 2008;

2. *Decides* that the exchange of information on effects between Parties should take place in accordance with the Guidelines;
3. *Recommends* that Parties within the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme should use the Guidelines when preparing and reporting their annual submissions on air pollution effects and exchanging available similar information;
4. *Urges* Parties outside the geographical scope of the Cooperative Programme to have regard to the Guidelines when exchanging available information on air pollution effects.
