

Decision 2008/16**Emission data reporting under the Convention and its protocols**

The Parties to the Convention, the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds, the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, meeting within the Executive Body,

Referring to the Guidelines for Reporting Emissions Data under the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (hereinafter the Guidelines) approved at the thirty-first session of the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), and adopted by the Executive Body at its twenty-sixth session (ECE/EB.AIR/97),

Recognizing that the Guidelines apply only to Parties within the geographical scope of EMEP, including those Parties whose respective national territories have a part that overlaps within the EMEP emissions reporting grid and another part lying outside the EMEP domain, and that Parties outside the geographical scope of EMEP are encouraged to take the Guidelines into account when preparing and reporting their annual submissions and to exchange available similar information,

A. Decision under the Convention, the 1991 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

Recalling the Executive Body's decision 2002/10 on Emission Data Reporting under the Convention and the protocols in force,

Decides that the Guidelines referred to in decision 2002/10 shall be the above-mentioned Guidelines, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

B. Decision under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides

Acting under article 8, paragraph 2, of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Nitrogen Oxides,

Specifies that the uniform reporting framework, referred to in article 8, paragraph 2, of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, in accordance with which information shall, as far as possible, be submitted, shall be the reporting formats given in annex IV of the above-mentioned Guidelines.

noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

C. Decision under the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

Acting under article 5, paragraph 1, of the 1994 Sulphur Protocol,

1. *Specifies* that the guidelines containing emission data for all relevant source categories used to report on the levels of national annual emission sulphur emissions as mentioned in article 5, paragraph 1 (b), of the 1994 Sulphur Protocol are the above-mentioned Guidelines;
2. *Decides* that the format and content for emissions and other reporting under the 1994 Sulphur Protocol are those set out in the above-mentioned Guidelines, noting that no revision to the Guidelines will affect this specification unless and until it has been expressly so decided by the Executive Body.

D. Decision under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals, the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

Acting under article 7, paragraph 1 (b), of the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol),

Recalling the Executive Body's decision 2005/1 on Emission Data Reporting under the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, and in particular paragraph 1 of decision 2005/1,

Approves the decision by the EMEP Steering Body at its thirty-second session that, in addition to the emission projections for 2010, 2015 and 2020 as specified in decision 2005/1, Parties within the geographical scope of EMEP shall also report their data on emission projections for 2030 and longer-term projections if available (for example, 2050).
