Decision 2008/7

Compliance by Cyprus with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 1/08)

The Executive Body,

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

1. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee (EB.AIR/2008/2, paragraphs 26 to 30) concerning Cyprus’s compliance with the requirements of paragraph 1 of article 2 of the 1988 Protocol Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes, the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and in particular the Committee’s conclusion regarding Cyprus’s failure to comply with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol;

2. Expresses its concern at the failure by Cyprus to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;

3. Notes with concern that Cyprus does not expect to achieve compliance until 2013;

4. Urges Cyprus to fulfil its obligation under the Protocol as soon as possible;

5. Requests Cyprus to provide to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat by 31 March 2009, a report:

   (a) Providing the national emission totals for each of the emission sectors from 2004 onwards as well as their projections until 2013;

   (b) Describing the progress made towards compliance by setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Cyprus expects to be in compliance;

   (c) Listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol;

   (d) Setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its emissions of nitrogen oxides up to and including the year of compliance;
6. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review Cyprus’s progress and timetable, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-seventh session.