

Decision 2009/6

Compliance by Greece with its obligations under the 1988 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 2/02)

The Executive Body,

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

1. *Recalls* decisions 2002/6, 2003/5, 2004/7, 2005/4, 2006/5, 2007/3 and 2008/3;
2. *Notes* the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2008/3 on compliance by Greece with its obligations under the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, based on the information provided by Greece in March and July 2009 (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/3, paras. 4–9), and in particular its conclusion that the information provided by Greece did not meet the requirements of decision 2005/4, as reiterated in decision 2008/3;
3. *Expresses its increasing disappointment* at the continuing failure of Greece to fulfil its obligation to adopt and implement effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed its emissions in 1987, and at its continuing non-compliance since 1998 with the emission reduction obligation under article 2.1 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides;
4. *Notes with concern* that Greece has not provided the Implementation Committee with information meeting the requirements of paragraph 6 of decision 2005/4, as reiterated in paragraph 6 of decision 2008/3;
5. *Once again strongly urges* Greece to fulfil its obligation under article 2.1 of the Protocol as soon as possible, and to adopt and effectively implement the measures necessary to achieve compliance with its obligations;
6. *Reiterates* its requests to Greece as articulated in paragraphs 6 and 8 of decision 2005/4, namely to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March of each year until compliance is achieved, with a report describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance and listing the specific measures taken and scheduled, including the measures referred to in paragraph 5 of decision 2005/4, to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol, setting out a timetable containing annual steps for the achievement of these measures and indicating the projected effects of each of these measures on its nitrogen oxide emissions per year up to and including the year of predicted compliance and, until such time as it achieves compliance, to make a presentation containing this information to the next annual session of the Executive Body, in any year in which it fails to provide that information to the Implementation Committee in time for its second session of the year;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to bring this

serious matter of continuing and long-lasting non-compliance to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment of Greece;

8. *Also requests* Greece to invite the Implementation Committee in accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of decision 2006/2, and to undertake information-gathering regarding the compliance of Greece on the basis of decisions 2005/4, 2006/5, 2007/3 and 2008/3;
 9. *Further requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Greece, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its twenty-eighth session.
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