Decision 2010/ 8
Compliance by Cyprus with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (cadmium) (ref. 1/10)

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 (ECE/EB.AIR/2010/2, paras 30–33) concerning the compliance of Cyprus with the requirements of article 3.1 of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, following 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 the failure of Cyprus 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 1990, as required by article 3.1 of the Protocol;

3. Notes with concern that Cyprus does not expect to achieve compliance until 2014;

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 2011 a report describing the progress towards compliance by setting out an updated timetable that specifies the year by which Cyprus expects to be in compliance, updating the listing of the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission-reduction obligations under the Protocol, and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its cadmium emissions on an annual basis up to and including the year of compliance;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Cyprus, and to report to it thereon at its twenty-ninth session in 2011.