Decision 2011/5
Compliance by Denmark with its obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)

The Executive Body,

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

1. Recalls its decisions 2006/8, 2007/6, 2008/6, 2009/9 and 2010/6;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2010/6 on Denmark’s compliance with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs), based on the information provided by Denmark in April 2011 (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/2, paras. 18–23), and in particular its conclusion that, on the basis of information provided by Denmark, and in the continued absence of the action plan and further measures Denmark has indicated it will take, that Denmark remains in non-compliance with its obligations under the Protocol on POPs and that article 3, paragraph 7, of the Protocol is not applicable;

3. Remains concerned that, in spite of the efforts made, Denmark still fails to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) listed in annex III of the Protocol from their level in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required by article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol;

4. Urges Denmark once again to speed up the implementation of envisaged measures, and to consider whether there are any further additional measures that could be taken in order to shorten the period of expected non-compliance with its obligation under the Protocol;

5. Requests Denmark to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2012, with a report describing the progress towards compliance, by:

   (a) Setting out a revised timetable that also specifies the year by which Denmark expects to be in compliance;

   (b) Listing specific measures to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol, regardless of the progress on developing an action plan; and

   (c) Indicating the quantitative and projected effects of further and more effective measures to reduce its PAH emissions up to and including the year of predicted compliance;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Denmark, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirty-first session in 2012.