

Decision 2011/7
Compliance by Iceland with its obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 6/10)

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 concerning the compliance of the Iceland with the requirements of article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2011/2, paras. 62–68), 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 Iceland to demonstrate that it continues to benefit from the exemption under article 3, paragraph 7, of the Protocol granted by virtue of its decision 2006/9 and its failure to fulfil its obligations under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), as demonstrated by the emission data for 2007 and 2008;

2. *Expresses its concern* at the failure by the Iceland to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) so that these do not exceed emissions in 1990, as required by article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol or to demonstrate that the exemption granted under article 3, paragraph 7, is still valid;

3. *Urges* Iceland to fulfil its obligation under the Protocol as soon as possible;

4. *Requests* Iceland to provide to the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2012, a report describing the reasons why the article 3, paragraph 7, exemption continues to be valid, or alternatively the reasons for its non-compliance and the progress towards compliance by:

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

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

(c) Setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its PAH emissions on an annual basis up to and including the year of compliance;

5. *Requests* the Implementation Committee to review the progress and timetable of Iceland, and to report to it thereon at its thirty-first session in 2012.