Decision 2012/20
Concerning compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/89/Add.1, decision 2006/2),

1. Recalls its decisions 2008/9, 2008/12, 2009/13, 2010/16 and 2011/9;

2. Takes note of the fifteenth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Convention’s Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/16, paras. 77–99 and tables 4–7 in informal document No. 3);

3. Also takes note of the fifteenth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies (ECE/EB.AIR/2012/16, paras. 101–104, and table 8 in informal document No. 3);

4. Reiterates its strong regret that Luxembourg has not reported its missing gridded data for 2000, 2005 and 2010 under the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, and its missing gridded data for 2005 and 2010 under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs), the Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol);

5. Regrets that Luxembourg has also not reported annual emission data for 2008, 2009 and 2010 under the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

6. Reiterates its strong concern that Luxembourg still has not provided responses to the 2010 questionnaire on strategies and policies and is thus in non-compliance with its obligation to report on strategies and policies for the fourth consecutive reporting round;

7. Strongly urges Luxembourg to provide, as a matter of urgency, its missing gridded data for 2000, 2005 and 2010 under the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, its missing gridded data for 2005 and 2010 under the Protocol on POPs, the Protocol on Heavy Metals and the Gothenburg Protocol; and its missing annual data for 2008, 2009 and 2010 under the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

8. Also strongly urges Luxembourg to provide complete responses to the 2010 questionnaire on strategies and policies in a timely manner;

9. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to bring this serious matter of long-lasting non-compliance with its obligation to report on strategies and policies again to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Environment of Luxembourg;
10. Reminds Luxembourg once more of the importance of not only complying fully with its reporting obligations under the Protocols, but also of submitting its final and complete data and reports on time;

11. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by Luxembourg with regard to its reporting obligations, and to report to it thereon at its thirty-second session in 2013.