Decision 2013/7
Concerning compliance by Spain with the Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 6/02)

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and the procedures for review (ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1, decision 2012/25, annex),


2. Notes the sixteenth report of the Implementation Committee on the progress made by Spain, based on the information provided by Spain on 15 April 2013 (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, paras. 10–13), and in particular its conclusions that emission inventory improvements have brought Spain in compliance with its emission reduction obligation under the Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes (Protocol on VOCs);

3. Welcomes the achievement by Spain of reaching compliance with its emission reduction obligation under the Protocol on VOCs after many years of non-compliance;

4. Requests the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), in its stage 3 in-depth review for Spain, scheduled for 2014, to pay specific attention to the methodological improvements to the VOC emission inventory that have brought Spain into compliance with its VOC emission reduction obligation under the Protocol on VOCs;

5. Decides that there is currently no reason for the Implementation Committee to continue to review Spain’s compliance with its obligation under article 2, paragraph 2 (a), of the Protocol on VOCs.