Decision 2014/5
Compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 23/13 (Cd); ref. 24/13 (Hg))

The Executive Body,

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

1. Notes the information and recommendations contained in the seventeenth report of the Implementation Committee concerning the compliance by Liechtenstein with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol on Heavy Metals with respect to mercury (Hg) and cadmium (Cd) emissions (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/2, paras. 77–80), following the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee and the procedure for review;

2. Notes with concern that Liechtenstein has failed to fulfil its obligation to reduce the emissions of mercury and cadmium listed in annex I to the Protocol on Heavy Metals from their level in 1990 by taking effective measures, as required by article 3, paragraph 1, of the Protocol;

3. Notes with regret that Liechtenstein did not provide the additional information requested by the Implementation Committee, as communicated in the letters of the secretariat to the Party concerned;

4. Urges Liechtenstein to fulfil its obligation under the Protocol on Heavy Metals as soon as possible;

5. Requests Liechtenstein to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2015, with the following information:

   (a) The results of the analysis that had been planned for 18 September 2013, in particular focusing on whether the analysis provides additional information on the anticipated results of any improvement of the emission model for mercury and cadmium, and whether these revised models would result in the Party expecting to be in compliance with its emission reduction obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals;

   (b) Measures taken or planned to be taken to reduce mercury emissions below the 1990 base year of 0.15 kilograms;

   (c) Measures taken or planned to be taken to reduce cadmium emissions below the 1990 base year of 2.2 kilograms;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress of Liechtenstein towards achieving compliance with its obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals, and to report to it thereon at its thirty-fifth session in 2016.