Decision 2014/6
Compliance by Estonia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 2/10 (HCB))

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. Recalls its decisions 2011/6 and 2012/17;

2. Notes the information and recommendations contained in seventeenth report of the Implementation Committee on the follow-up to decision 2012/17 on Estonia’s compliance with its obligations under article 3, paragraph 5 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Protocol on POPs) (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/2, paras. 18–25);

3. Notes with concern Estonia’s continuing failure to fulfil its obligation to reduce emissions of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) listed in annex III of the Protocol on POPs from their level in 1995;

4. Notes with regret that Estonia did not provide the information requested by the Implementation Committee in its sixteenth report (ECE/EB.AIR/2013/4, para. 22);

5. Urges Estonia to fulfil its obligations under the Protocol on POPs as soon as possible;

6. Reiterates its request to Estonia to provide the Implementation Committee, through the secretariat, by 31 March 2015, with further information on the status of its work to update the national emission factors for persistent organic pollutants (POPs);

7. Decides to invite Estonia to participate in the Committee’s session in 2015 to elaborate on the information provided pursuant to paragraph 6 above;

8. Requests the Implementation Committee to continue to review the progress of Estonia towards compliance with its obligations under the Protocol on POPs, and to report to the Executive Body thereon at its thirty-fifth session in 2016.