STATUS OF RATIFICATION

An overview prepared by the secretariat on the basis of informal reports submitted by Parties to the Convention and the UN Treaty database

Thirty-seventh session of the Executive Body, 11-14 December 2017
13 Parties submitted their informal reports

Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium
Croatia
European Union (for each Member State)
Georgia
Kyrgyzstan

• Lithuania
• Poland
• Portugal
• Switzerland
• Ukraine
• United States of America
Gothenburg Protocol

• **9 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2017**: Canada, Czechia, EU, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden and US;

• **4 Parties** to the Convention and Parties to the original Protocol (Bulgaria, France, Ireland, and Romania) *expect ratification and/or acceptance by the end of 2017*;

• At least **6 Parties** to the Convention and Parties to the original Protocol (Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania, Portugal, UK) *expect ratification and/or acceptance in 2018*.

• Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.
Entry into force:

• “moving target” or the “current time” approach: to calculate the number of acceptances on the basis of the number of the Parties to the Protocol at the time of acceptance;

• Currently **27 Parties** to the original Gothenburg Protocol: **18 acceptances** required for entry into force
Protocol on Heavy Metals

• **12 Parties accepted amendments in 2015-2017**: Czechia, Denmark, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and US;

• **2 Parties** to the Protocol (Cyprus and Romania) expect acceptance by the end of 2017;

• **8 Parties** to the original Protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Portugal, UK) expect acceptance in 2018

• Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.

• Currently **34 Parties** to the original Protocol: **23 acceptances** required
Protocol on POPs

- **Amendments to annexes I and II (decision 2009/2):** 13 Parties (Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden) accepted amendments in 2011-2017

- **Amendments to annexes I, II, III, IV, VI and VIII (decision 2009/1):** 15 Parties (Canada, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, EU, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden) accepted amendments in 2011-2017

- **5 Parties** to the original protocol (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, UK) expect acceptance in 2018.

- Several other Parties will continue or start the process in 2018.

- Currently **33 Parties** to the original Protocol: 22 acceptances required
Difficulties and barriers indicated in informal reports submitted in 2016-2017

• Need for coordination between regional and federal authorities, which makes it a lengthy political process;
• Changes at the government and sectoral level;
• Transposing the protocols’ obligations into national legislation takes time;
• Administrative capacity is limited;
• Need for an in-depth analysis of implications and development of a revised national action plan for ratification;
• Revision of national legislation on emissions control is a challenge; measurement methodologies are outdated;
• Technologies used in the energy and industrial sector are outdated;
• Institutional barriers and lack of political priority/financing;
• Lack of integrated national programs;
• Need for modern equipment and introduction of BATs;
• Growing number of vehicles and development of the mining industry
To overcome the obstacles through:

- Support in analyzing the implications of the ratification/implementation (cost and benefit analysis);
- Support in developing national action plans;
- Awareness raising among decision-makers;
- Involvement of stakeholders from government, civil society and private sector;
- Sharing experience on BAT introduction and implementation (workshops and study tours);
- Sharing experience on emission reduction from various sources and use of alternative energy sources;
- Advice on overcoming institutional barriers;
- Financial support to cover participation of experts in meetings of task forces
- Continued support in improving emissions reporting under the Convention
Thank you for your attention

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