

Decision 2019/X
The review of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012

The Executive Body,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012, on 7 October 2019,

Recalling article 10 of the amended Protocol which indicates that Parties shall keep under review the obligations set out in the present Protocol, including the adequacy of the obligations and the progress made toward the achievement of the objective of the present Protocol,

Recalling further that article 10 also calls for an evaluation of mitigation measures for black carbon emissions and ammonia control measures, no later than at the second session of the Executive Body after entry into force of the amended Protocol,

Noting the report of the WGSR at its 57th session and the list of potential elements that could inform the scope and content of the review, as well as the submissions provided by Parties and subsidiary bodies regarding elements of, and inputs to, the review of the Gothenburg Protocol,

Recalling the 2016 Scientific Assessment Report, the recommendations of the Policy Review Group and the Long-term strategy for the implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for 2020-2030 and beyond:

1. *Decides* to initiate the review of the Gothenburg Protocol as amended in 2012;
2. *Requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to develop a plan for the review that includes its scope and content by continuing to elaborate elements for, and inputs to, the review on the basis of Annex I to the WGSR 57 report, taking into account the above-mentioned reports;
2. *Further requests* the Working Group on Strategies and Review to produce a detailed work schedule for the review, including the procedure for undertaking it, that includes a prioritization, as needed, of the elements to be considered in the review as forwarded to the EB by the WGSR and contained in the annex to this decision;
3. *Also requests* the subsidiary bodies of the Convention to prioritize work that supports the review;
4. *Requests* that the plan and work schedule to be forwarded to the Executive Body for consideration at its 40th session, with a view to concluding the review at its 42nd session.