

Annex I

**DECISION 2003/1 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY NORWAY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS
UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL (ref. 1/01)**

The Executive Body,

Acting under paragraph 11 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee (Executive Body decision 1997/2, annex, as amended in 2001, ECE/EB.AIR/75, annex V),

1. Recalls its decisions 2001/1 and 2002/2, in which it inter alia: welcomed the submission by Norway to the Implementation Committee concerning its compliance with the 1991 Geneva Protocol on the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes; noted the Implementation Committee's report and its conclusion regarding Norway's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 3-9) (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 5-7); expressed its concern at Norway's failure to fulfil its obligation and its disappointment that it had not demonstrated that it would be able to shorten the period of seven years that it had anticipated it would remain in non-compliance; urged Norway to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible; invited it to report to the Implementation Committee by 31 March 2003 on the progress made; and requested the Implementation Committee to review the progress and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Norway's progress, based on the information that it received from Norway on 4 April 2003 and 29 July 2003 (EB.AIR/2003/1, paras. 4-9), and in particular its conclusion that Norway remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;
3. Welcomes the national measures taken by Norway to reduce its VOC emissions;
4. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Norway to fulfil its obligations to take effective measures to reduce its annual emissions within the TOMA specified under annex I by at least 30%, using 1989 as its base year, and to ensure that its total national annual emissions do not exceed its 1988 levels, as required by paragraph 2 (b) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
5. Expresses disappointment that, notwithstanding Executive Body decision 2002/2, Norway has not demonstrated that it will shorten the period of seven years that it has anticipated it will remain in non-compliance;
6. Continues to urge Norway to fulfil its obligations under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;

7. Calls on Norway to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report describing the progress that it has made towards achieving compliance, in particular with regard to any acceleration of its timetable for achieving this goal; and

8. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Norway's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-second session.