

Annex V

DECISION 2003/5 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY GREECE
WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NO_x PROTOCOL (ref. 2/02)

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 2002/6, in which it inter alia: noted the Implementation Committee's report and its conclusion regarding Greece's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the 1988 NO_x Protocol (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 22-27); expressed its concern at Greece's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted with concern that Greece did not expect to achieve compliance even by 2010 and that, moreover, Greece had not indicated a year by which it expected to achieve compliance; urged Greece to fulfil its obligation under the NO_x 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 Greece's progress and timetable and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session;

2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Greece's progress, based on the information it received from Greece on 29 April, 30 June 2003 and 4 September, and in particular its conclusion that Greece remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the NO_x Protocol;

3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Greece to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its annual emissions so that these do not exceed emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the NO_x Protocol;

4. Notes the Implementation Committee's concern that Greece had not provided all the information that the Executive Body invited it to present in its decision 2002/6;

5. Expresses disappointment that Greece does not expect to achieve compliance even by 2010 and that, moreover, Greece has not indicated a year by which it expects to achieve compliance;

6. Urges Greece to fulfil its obligation under the NO_x Protocol as soon as possible;

7. Repeats its request to Greece to provide the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2004 with a report describing the progress it has made towards achieving compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which it expects to be in compliance, listing the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the NO_x Protocol and setting out the projected effects of each of these measures on its NO_x emissions up to and including the year of compliance; and

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