

Annex VIII

DECISION 2005/8 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

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. Takes note of the eighth report of the Implementation Committee with respect to:
 - (a) The follow-up to Executive Body decision 2004/12 regarding compliance by certain Parties with their reporting requirements (EB.AIR/2005/3/Add.1, paras. 1-3);
 - (b) Compliance by Parties with their emission data reporting obligations under the Protocols, identified on the basis of information provided by EMEP (EB.AIR/2005/3/Add.1, paras. 4-27 and tables 1 to 6); and
 - (c) Compliance by Parties with their obligations to report on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement (EB.AIR/2005/3/Add.1, paras. 28-36 and table 7);
2. Notes the completeness of the emission data reported by Parties up to, and including, 2001;
3. Regrets, however, that a number of Parties still have not reported final and complete emission data for 2002 and 2003;
4. Reminds all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report emission data under the Protocols, including where applicable in accordance with any legally binding deadlines and formats, but also of submitting their final and complete data on time to ensure the efficient operation of the Convention;
5. Recalls that its decision 2004/12 noted that fourteen Parties – Croatia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine and the European Community – that were among those identified at its twenty-second session as not yet being in compliance with their obligations to report on strategies and policies, were still not in compliance, and that those Parties were called on to provide the missing information no later than 31 January 2005 (ECE/EB.AIR/83/Add.1, annex XII);
6. Notes with satisfaction the action taken by Croatia, Finland, France, Greece,

Hungary, Italy, the Russian Federation, Slovakia and Slovenia to comply with their reporting obligations to report on strategies and policies;

7. Notes with regret that Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Romania, Ukraine and the European Community are not in compliance with their strategies and policies reporting obligations for 2004;

8. Urges:

(a) Iceland to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1998 Protocol on POPs;

(b) Liechtenstein to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol, the 1988 NO_x Protocol, the 1991 VOC Protocol, the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals;

(c) Luxembourg to comply with its obligations to report on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1985 Sulphur Protocol, the 1988 NO_x Protocol, the 1991 VOC Protocol, the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the 1998 Protocol on POPs and the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals;

(d) Ukraine to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1988 NO_x Protocol;

(e) Romania to comply with its obligation to report on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1998 Protocol on POPs; and

(f) The European Community to complete its reporting on strategies and policies for 2004 under the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals;

and in these contexts to provide, as soon as possible, but no later than 31 January 2006, all the missing information;

9. Reminds all Parties of the importance not only of complying fully with their obligations to report on their strategies and policies, as required under the protocols, but also of submitting their reports on time;

10. Requests the Implementation Committee to review the progress made by the above-mentioned Parties with regard to their reporting on strategies and policies and to report thereon at its twenty-fourth session.