

Decision 2016/4
Compliance by the European Union with the Protocol to Abate
Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ref. 5/13 (NO_x))

The Executive Body,

Acting in accordance with paragraph 11 of the structure and functions and procedures for review of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (ECE/EB.AIR/113/Add.1, decision 2012/25, annex),

Recalling its decision 2013/14 concerning compliance by the European Union with the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol),

Also recalling paragraphs 42 to 45 of its report on its thirty-third session (ECE/EB.AIR/127), and in particular paragraph 45, in which the Implementation Committee was requested to continue to review the compliance of the European Union with article 3, paragraph 1, of the Gothenburg Protocol and to report the results of its further consideration to the Executive Body,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the nineteenth report of the Implementation Committee regarding the follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/14 on compliance by the European Union with its obligation under article 3, paragraph 1, of the Gothenburg Protocol, based on the information provided by the European Union in September 2016 (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/7, paras. 54-58);

2. *Decides* to interpret the ceilings listed for the European Community in annex II to the Gothenburg Protocol as representing the sum of the emission ceilings of the 15 individual Parties that were member states of the European Community at the time the Gothenburg Protocol was agreed and when the European Community (as replaced and succeeded by the European Union in 2009) acceded to the Gothenburg Protocol in 2003.
