

Annex V

**DECISION 2002/4 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY ITALY WITH ITS
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1991 VOC PROTOCOL**

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 decision 2001/3, in which it inter alia: welcomed the submission by Italy 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 Italy's non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol (EB.AIR/2001/3, paras. 20-26); expressed its concern at Italy's failure to fulfil its obligation; noted that Italy expected that the measures adopted would bring it into compliance not later than 2001 or 2002; urged Italy to fulfil its obligation under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible; invited Italy to report to the Implementation Committee by 30 April 2002 on the progress made; and requested the Implementation Committee to review the progress and report to it thereon at its twentieth session;
2. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee on Italy's progress, based on the information that it received from Italy on 6 May and on 10 September 2002 (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 13-15), and in particular its conclusion that Italy remained in non-compliance with the emission reduction obligation of the VOC Protocol;
3. Remains concerned about the continuing failure by Italy to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to reduce its national annual emissions by at least 30% using 1988 as its base year, as required by paragraph 2 (a) of article 2 of the VOC Protocol;
4. Urges Italy to fulfil its obligations under the VOC Protocol as soon as possible;
5. Calls on Italy to provide to the Implementation Committee through the secretariat by 31 March 2003 a report describing the progress made towards compliance and setting out a timetable that specifies the year by which Italy expects to be in compliance, lists the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the VOC Protocol and sets out the projected effects of each of these measures on its VOC emissions up to and including the year of compliance;

6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Italy's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session.