

Annex IX

**DECISION 2002/8 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE BY SPAIN WITH ITS
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1988 NO_x 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. Notes the report provided by the Implementation Committee (EB.AIR/2002/2, paras. 38-43) concerning Spain's compliance with the requirements of paragraph 1 of article 2 of the 1988 Sofia Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes following the referral by the secretariat pursuant to paragraph 5 of the structure and functions of the Implementation Committee, and in particular the Committee's conclusion regarding Spain's failure to comply with the emission reduction obligation of the Protocol;
2. Expresses its concern at the failure by Spain to fulfil its obligation to take effective measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions so that these do not exceed emissions in 1987, as required by paragraph 1 of article 2 of the NO_x Protocol;
3. Notes with concern that Spain has been moving further away from compliance in recent years and has not indicated when it will achieve compliance;
4. Urges Spain to fulfil its obligation under the NO_x Protocol as soon as possible;
5. Calls on Spain 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 Spain expects to be in compliance, lists the specific measures taken or scheduled to fulfil its emission reduction obligations under the NO_x Protocol and sets out the projected effects of each of these measures on its NO_x emissions up to and including the year of compliance;
6. Requests the Implementation Committee to review Spain's progress and timetable, and report to it thereon at its twenty-first session.