

INFORMAL DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE EU FOR THE 48<sup>th</sup> WGSR SESSION

Subject: Draft amendments to the Gothenburg protocol (GP) annexes IV, V, VI, VII (new annex on dust), VIII, XI (new annex on VOC containing products)

The EU has duly noted the desire expressed by the WGSR Chairman in his letter to delegations to make significant progress during the 48<sup>th</sup> session *inter alia* with respect to choosing one ELV option for each stationary source within stationary source categories which should be in line with the corresponding BAT.

Albeit the EU cannot at this stage take a final position on the ultimate content and nature of the ELV's in the amended GP, the EU wishes to support the Chairman's efforts to reduce the complexity of the negotiating text presently available to Parties, by sharing our analysis on what could constitute meaningful ELV options in the relevant annexes. It should be noted that the EU proposes to maintain provisions on VOC containing products as a separate annex (XI) and to amend the main text of the protocol as appropriate to refer to the annex (e.g. through amending Article 3.4).

We trust that the attached document responds to the Chairman's request and will help stimulate a constructive debate amongst Parties at the forthcoming WGSR meetings. A final EU position on the ELVs can only be taken after having heard views from Parties to the Convention with respect to the ambition levels as also reflected in the ceilings (Annex II), as well as other amendments of the protocol, such as the ultimate flexibility granted to Parties in applying the new provisions of the amended Protocol.

The EU is interested to learn the views of other Parties to the Convention on the content of the document, for example in relation to the following questions:

- Are there detailed ELV provisions included in the attached documents that would prevent countries from ratifying the amended GP?
- If so, what alternatives would be considered more feasible or practical?
- Should the GP only focus on ELV's for only few (major) emission source categories?
- If so, should other provisions be kept under existing or newly developed guidance provisions or should they be deleted?
- If not, should the GP mandatory provisions contain any detail at all with respect to ELV's or simply leaving it to Parties to determinate the "best" policy mix to reach the ceilings?

The EU acknowledges that Parties may only be able to express preliminary views at the 48<sup>th</sup> session of the WGSR and we therefore remain available to discuss the matters later.