

Submissions and referrals concerning compliance by Parties with their protocol obligations

Official correspondence in 2011

This document contains information on correspondence with the Parties as a follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Executive Body at its twenty-eighth session (ECE/EB.AIR/106) in December 2010, namely the Decisions 2010/3, 2010/4, 2010/5, 2010/6, 2010/7, 2010/8, 2010/9, 2010/10, 2011/11, 2010/12, 2010/13, 2010/14, 2010/15 and 2010/16 (ECE/EB.AIR/106/Add.1) concerning compliance with Protocol obligations.

In total, 59 requests to submit information have been sent by the secretariat to the Parties; 10 requests to submit further clarifications have been sent afterwards on the issues raised by the Implementation Committee.

1. Follow-up to decision 2010/3 on compliance by Greece with the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides (ref. 2/02)

15 February	The secretariat informed Greece about the decision (letter to the Ambassador of Greece in Geneva)
29 March	Greece submitted a response

2. Follow-up to decision 2010/4 on compliance by Spain with the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides (ref. 4/02)

15 February	The secretariat informed Spain about the decision (letter to the Ambassador of Spain in Geneva, to Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs and to Spain's Minister of Environment)
1 April	Spain submitted a response

3. Follow-up to decision 2010/5 on compliance by Spain with the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds (ref. 6/02)

15 February	The secretariat informed Spain about the decision (letter to the Ambassador of Spain in Geneva, to Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs and to Spain's Minister of Environment)
1 April	Spain submitted a response
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting
28 July	Spain submitted additional information on VOC.
09 March	The secretariat published information on Spain's non-compliance in the UNECE newsletter and posted a detailed information note on the Convention's homepage. The detailed information was also sent out to all the Parties to the Protocol on VOCs

4. Follow-up to decision 2010/6 on compliance by Denmark with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06)

15 February	The secretariat informed Denmark about the decision
12 April	Denmark submitted a response
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting

5. Follow-up to decisions 2010/7, 2010/8 and 2010/9 on compliance by Cyprus with the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides and the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 1/08, 1/10 and 8/10)

15 February	The secretariat informed Cyprus about the decision
30 March	Cyprus submitted a response
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting
31 August	Cyprus submitted further clarifications

6. Follow-up to decision 2010/10:

A. On compliance by Croatia, Estonia, Cyprus, Italy and Latvia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

(a) Croatia (ref. 7/10)

15 February	The secretariat informed Croatia about the decision
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(b) Estonia (ref. 2/10)

15 February 2011	The secretariat informed Estonia about the decision
1 April	Estonia submitted a response

7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting
26 August 2011	Estonia submitted further clarifications

(c) Germany (ref. 5/10)

15 February 2011	The secretariat informed Germany about the decision
4 April	Germany submitted a response
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting
17 August	Germany submitted further clarifications

(d) Italy (ref. 10/10)

15 February 2011	The secretariat informed Italy about the decision
5 April	Italy submitted a response
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting
31 August	Italy submitted further clarifications

(e) Latvia (refs. 3/10 and 11/10)

15 February 2011	The secretariat informed Latvia about the decision
7 July	The secretariat requested further clarification of issues raised by the Committee at its 27 th meeting

B. On the request in para. 6 of 2010/10 to all the (other) Parties to the Protocol on POPs to provide information on the emission factors for HCB, PAHs and dioxins/furans in residential combustion (para. 6 of decision 2010/10)

24 February	The secretariat sent a letter to Parties to the Protocol requesting information on EF
11 March	Response by Finland
21 March	Response by Cyprus
25 March	Response by Romania
29 March	Response by Norway
31 March	Response by Canada
1 April	Response by Switzerland

7. Follow-up to decision 2010/11 on compliance by Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Spain and Switzerland with their obligation to report on strategies and policies.

9 February 2011	The secretariat informed the above Parties about the decision (Responses expected by 28 February)
20 January	Iceland informed the secretariat that it had fully completed the 2010 questionnaire and provided scanned copies of their replies (on 1 February) (Some of the replies had not been visible on-line due to technical issues)
4 February 2011	Switzerland sent the secretariat the missing reply (to question 46)
17 February	Romania replied that it had fully completed the on-line questionnaire within the deadline and provided scanned copies of its replies. (Some of the tables in the on-line questionnaire had not been displayed due to technical reasons)
22 February	Estonia clarified that it had already replied to the question 3 (i.e. table 1) but that (due to technical problems with the on-line questionnaire) the reply had not been visible on-line.
28 February	Hungary submitted its replies
28 February	Spain submitted its missing responses to the 2010 Questionnaire
11 March	Croatia submitted its replies
25 March	Bulgaria informed the secretariat that it had fully completed the 2010 questionnaire within the deadline but that some of the replies (in the table format) had not been visible on-line due to technical problems with the questionnaire.

8. Follow-up to decision 2010/12 on compliance by Albania, France, Ireland, Lithuania, Monaco and the European Union with their obligation to report on strategies and policies.

9 February	The secretariat informed the above Parties about the decision
9 February	Lithuania replied that it had fully filled in the questionnaire on 22 December
15 February	Monaco submitted the missing replies and the further explanations requested by the secretariat
25 February	Ireland submitted its replies

9. Follow-up to decision 2010/13 on compliance by Greece and Latvia with their obligation to report on strategies and policies.

9 February 2011	The secretariat informed the above Parties about the decision
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10. Follow-up to decision 2010/14 on compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its obligation to report on strategies and policies and other requests by the Committee.

9 February 2011	The secretariat informed the Republic of Moldova about the decision
18 February 2011	The secretariat requests the Republic of Moldova to submit missing information in accordance with the outcomes of the 26 th meeting of the Implementation Committee
31 March	The Republic of Moldova submitted its response on 2010 Questionnaire on strategies and policies
7 July 2011	The secretariat reminds the Republic of Moldova to send the remaining information requested by the Committee at its 27th meeting

11. Follow-up to decision 2010/15 on compliance by Iceland with its obligation to report on emissions.

23 February	The secretariat informed Iceland about the decision
28 February	Iceland replied that they had submitted gridded data on HCB, PAH and dioxins/furans on 25.6.10.
2 March	CEIP confirmed that Iceland had submitted all the required data and that CEIP had erroneously informed the secretariat about the contents of Iceland's submission prior to IC 26 in September. The secretariat sent apologies to Iceland but reminded that Iceland was still to submit information on its emission factors by 31 March
7 July	The secretariat reminded Iceland to submit the missing information on POPs as requested by the Committee at its 27th meeting
15 August	Iceland asks the secretariat to extend the deadline for submission of missing information on POPs till 15 October 2011
16 October	Iceland submits 2009 emission data and IIR to CEIP

12. Follow-up to decision 2010/16 on compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations.

15 February 2011	The secretariat informed the MFA and MOE of Luxembourg about the decision
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