

## Official correspondence in 2014 and 2013, as relevant for the Implementation Committee

This document provides supplementary information to the report by the Implementation Committee contained in official documents ECE/EB.AIR/2014/2 and ECE/EB.AIR/2014/3 along with the recommendations from the Implementation Committee to the Executive Body (ECE/EB.AIR/2014/4).

It presents an overview of all relevant correspondence sent by the secretariat and received from Parties in 2013 and 2014 concerning compliance by Parties with their Protocol obligations that are presented in the Implementation Committee reports. This overview of official correspondence was prepared by the secretariat.

### I. COMPLIANCE WITH EMISSION REDUCTION OBLIGATIONS

#### A. Follow up to Executive Body Decisions by Protocol

##### i) Obligations under the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides and the Protocol on Heavy Metals

1. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/5 concerning compliance by Cyprus with the Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes (ref. 1/08) and the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 1/10 (Cd))

9 August 2013	Cyprus submitted a response which was only received in the secretariat after the 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the IC. The information was made available to the 32 <sup>nd</sup> session of the EB in December 2013, but has not been officially considered by the IC.
18 October 2013	The secretariat sent a letter to Cyprus in follow up to IC 32 asking for further information to be submitted by 31 March 2014.
23 October 2013	Cyprus informed the secretariat that the report provided by Cyprus on 9 August 2013 had not been made available to the Committee at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting.
20 January 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Cyprus in follow up to EB 32 and decision 2013/5.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Cyprus in follow up to IC 33.
11 August 2014	Cyprus informed the secretariat that it cannot be present at IC 34 and asks the secretariat to explore the options for video- or teleconferencing.

##### ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

1. Follow-up to EB decision 2012/17 concerning compliance by Estonia and Latvia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (refs. 2/10, 3/10 and 11/10) (Estonia – HCB; Latvia – HCB, diox./furan)

###### (a) Estonia

25 October 2013	The secretariat informed Estonia about the deliberations of the Committee at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting and invited it to provide the requested information until 31 March 2014.
26 November 2013	IC Chair sent an email to TFEIP recalling requests by EB regarding HCB emissions by Estonia.

**(c) Latvia**

25 October 2013	The secretariat informed Latvia about the deliberations of the Committee at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting and invited it to provide the requested information until 31 March 2014.
26 November 2013	IC Chair sent an email to TFEIP recalling requests by EB regarding POPs emissions by Latvia.

**2. Follow-up to EB decision 2013/8 concerning compliance by Denmark with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 1/06 (PAH))**

17 January 2014	The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe brought this matter of non-compliance to the attention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark as requested in decision 2013/8 (copied to the Head of Delegation of Denmark).
27 March 2014	Denmark submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Denmark in follow up to IC 33.

**3. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/12 concerning compliance by the Netherlands with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref.16/13 (HCB))**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed the Netherlands about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested information by 31 March 2014.
3 April 2014	The Netherlands submitted a letter and report (following a message from 28 March informing that the response will arrive by 4 April). The Netherlands indicated that they would be happy to be represented at the 33 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Committee.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to the Netherlands in follow up to IC 33.
11 August 2014	The Netherlands submitted a response confirming its intent to participate in the 34 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee ideally via video/teleconference.

**4. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/11 concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 14/10 (PAH; diox./furan))**

26 November 2013	IC Chair sent an email to TFEIP recalling requests by EB regarding the Republic of Moldova.
20 January 2014	The secretariat informed the Republic of Moldova about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested information by 31 March 2014.
25 March 2014	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.
05 August 2014	TFEIP submitted a response to the request by the IC regarding this case (email and report).

**iii) Obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol**

**1. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/14 concerning compliance by the European Union with the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ref. 5/13 (NOx))**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed the EU about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested information by 31 March 2014.
10 April 2014	The EU submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to the European Union in follow-up to IC 33.
11 August 2014	The EU submitted a response.

**2. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/15 concerning compliance by Finland with the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ref. 6/13 (NH<sub>3</sub>))**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Finland about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested information by 31 March 2014.
31 March 2014	Finland submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Finland in follow-up to IC 33.
14 August 2014	Finland informed that response to request by IC will be late (secretariat granted 1 week extension until 25 August 2014).
25 August 2014	Finland submitted a response.

**3. Follow-up to Executive Body decision 2013/16 concerning compliance by Luxembourg with the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (ref. 13/13 (NO<sub>x</sub>))**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Luxembourg about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the requested information by 31 March 2014.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg in follow-up to IC 33.
18 August 2014	Luxembourg submitted a response.

**B) Follow-up to referrals initiated by the secretariat during 2013 and kept under further consideration by the Committee**

**i) Obligations under the Protocol on the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes (Protocol on NO<sub>x</sub>)**

**1. Follow-up to the referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Luxembourg with the Protocol on the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes (ref. 12/13)**

18 October 2013	The secretariat informed Luxembourg about the deliberations of the Committee at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting and invited it to provide the requested information with Luxembourg's next inventory submission.
01 September 2014	Luxembourg submitted a response along with emission data (fuel used).

**ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals**

**1. Follow-up to the referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (Cd (ref. 23/13); Hg (ref. 24/13))**

25 October 2013	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein about the deliberations of the Committee at its 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting and invited it to provide the requested information until 31 March 2014.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Liechtenstein in follow-up to IC 33.

**iii) Obligations under the Gothenburg Protocol**

**1. Follow-up to the referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Spain with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 19/13 (NH<sub>3</sub>))**

18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Spain in follow-up to IC 33.
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## C) New referrals in 2014

### i) Obligations under the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent (1985 Sulphur Protocol)

#### 1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with the 1985 Sulphur Protocol (ref. 1/14)

1 May 2014	The secretariat informed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that based on the latest submissions of sulphur emission data received from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia there is an exceedance of the emission reduction target by approximately 106%: in 1980, which is the base year for all Parties, sulphur emissions were 62.1 Gg, which results in an emission reduction target of 43 Gg (70 per cent of the base year emissions) while in 2012 the emissions reached 89.4 Gg. The secretariat informed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
22 July 2014	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.
11 August 2014	The secretariat informed the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC1/14 sent).
19 August 2014	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

### ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals

#### 1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Latvia with the Protocol on Heavy Metals (ref. 2/14 (Cd))

1 May 2014	The secretariat informed Latvia that based on the latest submission of cadmium emission data received from Latvia, there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by approximately 35 %: in 1990, which is the reference year for Latvia, the emission level for cadmium was 0.47 Mg, while the reported emission in 2012 amounted to 0.64 Mg. The secretariat informed Latvia that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
11 August 2014	The secretariat informed Latvia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC2/14 sent).

### iii) Obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants

#### 1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Estonia with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 3/14 (PAH))

1 May 2014	The secretariat informed Estonia that based on the latest submission of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) emission data received from Estonia there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by approximately 3 %: in 1995, which is the base year for Estonia, PAH emissions were 14.5 Mg, while in 2012 the emissions reached 15.0 Mg. The secretariat informed Estonia that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
11 August 2014	The secretariat informed Estonia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC3/14 sent).

**2. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Liechtenstein with the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ref. 4/14 (PAH))**

1 May 2014	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein that based on the latest submissions of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) emission data received from Liechtenstein there is an exceedance of the base year emission level by approximately 188 %: in 1990, which is the base year for Liechtenstein, PAH emissions were 0.017 Mg, while in 2012 the emissions reached 0.049 Mg. The secretariat informed Liechtenstein that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
11 August 2014	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC4/14 sent).
02 September 2014	Liechtenstein submitted a response.

**iv) Obligations under the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol)**

**1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Slovenia with the Gothenburg Protocol (ref. 5/14 (NOx))**

1 May 2014	The secretariat informed Slovenia that based on the latest submission of nitrogen oxides emission data received from Slovenia there is an exceedance of the emission ceiling by approximately 1% in 2012, the indicated ceiling being 45 Gg, while the reported emissions in 2012 amounted to 45.4 Gg. The secretariat informed Slovenia that it would bring the matter to the attention of the IC should there be no response or should the matter not be resolved within 3 months or such longer period as the circumstance of the matter may require.
11 August 2014	The secretariat informed Slovenia that it would refer the case to the Implementation Committee (Referral letter and note IC5/14 sent).

**II. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING OBLIGATIONS**

**A) Follow up to Executive Body Decisions**

**1. Follow-up to Decision 2013/18 concerning compliance by Albania, Croatia, Liechtenstein, Romania and the Russian Federation with their obligations to report annual emission data**

**(a) Albania**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Albania about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Albania in follow-up to IC 33.
18 August 2014	Albania submitted a response.

**(b) Croatia**

4 October 2013	The secretariat wrote to Croatia regarding its reporting obligations in follow up to the 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the IC.
11 October 2013	Croatia submitted a letter regarding its reporting obligations.
20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Croatia about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
11 February 2014	Croatia submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Croatia in follow-up to IC 33.
29 July 2014	Croatia submitted a response.

**(c) Liechtenstein**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Liechtenstein about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Liechtenstein in follow-up to IC 33.

**(e) Romania**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Romania about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Romania in follow-up to IC 33.
18 August 2014	Romania submitted a response.

**(f) Russian Federation**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed the Russian Federation about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to the Russian Federation in follow-up to IC 33.
05 August 2014	The Russian Federation submitted a response.

**2. Follow-up to Decision 2013/19 concerning compliance by Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia with their obligations to report gridded emission data****(b) Norway**

9 May 2014	The secretariat reminded Norway about the decision and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Norway in follow-up to IC 33.
14 August 2014	Norway submitted a response.

**(c) Republic of Moldova**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed the Republic of Moldova about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
25 March 2014	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to the Republic of Moldova in follow-up to IC 33.
14 August 2014	The Republic of Moldova submitted a response.

**(d) Romania**

9 May 2014	The secretariat reminded Romania about the decision and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Romania in follow-up to IC 33.
18 August 2014	Romania submitted a response.

**(e) Sweden**

9 May 2014	The secretariat reminded Sweden about the decision and invited it to provide the missing information.
19 June 2014	Sweden submitted a response.

**(f) Switzerland**

9 May 2014	The secretariat reminded Switzerland about the decision and invited it to provide the missing information.
15 July 2014	Switzerland submitted a response regarding a pre-referral also giving information regarding plans for the reporting of gridded data.

**g) The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

9 May 2014	The secretariat reminded the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia about the decision and invited it to provide the missing information.
20 May 2014	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in follow-up to IC 33.
01 September 2014	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia submitted a response.

**3. Follow-up to Decision 2013/21 concerning compliance by Luxembourg with its reporting obligations**

20 January 2014	The secretariat informed Luxembourg about the decision (letter to the Ambassador in Geneva) and invited it to provide the missing information.
18 July 2014	The secretariat sent a letter to Luxembourg in follow-up to IC 33.
18 August 2014	Luxembourg submitted a response.

**B) 2014 referrals by the secretariat concerning reporting of annual emission data previously considered at IC33**

**i) Obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Montenegro with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (R1/14)**

15 April 2014	The secretariat sent an email to Montenegro concerning its missing 2012 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee should the requested information not be received until 30 April 2014.
29 April 2014	Montenegro submitted a response.

**2. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (R2/14)**

15 April 2014	The secretariat sent an email to the Republic of Moldova concerning its missing 2012 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee should the requested information not be received until 30 April 2014.
18 August 2014	The Republic of Moldova submitted information regarding decision 2013/19 with possible relevance to the present referral.

**ii) Obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals**

**1. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by Montenegro with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals (R3/14)**

15 April 2014	The secretariat sent an email to Montenegro concerning its missing 2012 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee should the requested information not be received until 30 April 2014.
29 April 2014	Montenegro submitted a response.

**2. Referral by the secretariat concerning compliance by the Republic of Moldova with its reporting obligations under the Protocol on Heavy Metals (R4/14)**

15 April 2014	The secretariat sent an email to the Republic of Moldova concerning its missing 2012 data and informed that this matter shall be referred to the Implementation Committee should the requested information not be received until 30 April 2014.
18 August 2014	The Republic of Moldova submitted information regarding decision 2013/19 with possible relevance to the present referral.