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Subject:	RE: WGSR-60: reporting on strategies and policies
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Dear All,

1. Decision 2016/3 stipulates that *the period for reporting the information referred to in article 5, paragraph 1 (a), of the 1994 Protocol on Further Reductions of Sulphur Emissions, article 7, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol on Heavy Metals, article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and article 7, paragraph 1 (a), of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) is* ***at least once every four years***" Concerning the above-mentioned protocols, Greece has ratified only the *1994 Protocol on Further Reductions of Sulphur Emissions. Therefore, there is no obligation for the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol).*

2. Referring to the 1994 Protocol on Further Reductions of Sulphur Emissions, Greece had the target to reduce emissions to the levels of 570 kt SOx by 2010. According to the 2022 NFR submission of Greece, the total national SOx emissions are 61.51kt in 2020, which is 89% lower than the target set in the Protocol. Therefore, this target is outdated and the elaboration of a strategy of how to implement it has no value.

3. The main measures that resulted in this reduction of emissions are reported in the 2022 IIR / section2.2.3, which will be submitted on 15/03/2022:
"The operation of desulphurisation plants at large power plants since 1998, the increasing share of RES technologies and NG for electricity production and the gradual phase-down of lignite-fired plants (it will be completed by 2028) resulted in the reduction of SO2 emissions from electricity generation. Reductions with respect to the sulphur content of liquid fossil fuels and the introduction of natural gas in the Greek energy system resulted in a reduction of SO2 emissions from manufacturing industry, transport, and residential sectors."

4. The current national programme for the control of air pollutants (SOx is included) is the National Air Pollution Control Programme, in accordance with Article 7 of Joint Ministerial Decision 67467/3577/2018 on the reduction of national emissions of certain atmospheric pollutants — transposition of Directive (EU) 2016/2284. The link to an english translation of this programme, which refers to SOx mitigation policies and measures is the following:
https://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/pdf/reduction_napcp/EL%20final%20NAPCP%2029Jan21%20EN.pdf

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Dear colleagues, focal points for the Air Convention,

We would like to inform you that all official pre-session documents for the upcoming WGSR session are available on the session's webpage in three languages.

We would also like to use this opportunity to remind you to send us your written reports on strategies, policies and measures in accordance with decision 2016/3 by **11 March 2022**. The template for reporting is enclosed here for your easier reference.

P.S. This message is sent out as a blind copy (bcc) as many servers identify messages with multiple recipients as spam.

With best regards,
The secretariat