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Summary

The present document contains draft decisions for consideration and adoption by the Executive Body.

The Executive Body is invited to adopt the following documents approved by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects at their eighth joint session (Geneva, 12–16 September 2022):

- (a) Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution;
- (b) Technical Guidance for Emission Inventory Adjustments under the Amended Gothenburg Protocol;
- (c) Strategy for scientific bodies under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.

The Executive Body is invited to amend appendix II to decision 2002/1 on the financing of core activities updating the scale of contributions in accordance with the United Nations 2021 assessment rate.

The Executive Body is also invited to consider the proposal by its Bureau to establish the practice of a declaration of impartiality by officials elected by the Executive Body, following the request by the Executive Body at its forty-first session (Geneva, 6–8 December 2021).^a

^aECE/EB.AIR/148, para. 47 (a), advance version, available at:
<https://unece.org/info/events/event/350953>.



I. Adoption of the Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

The Executive Body,

Recognizing the need for guidance on reporting emissions and projections to ensure reliable emission data both for the purpose of reviewing Parties' compliance with their obligations under the protocols and as a basis for scientific work to further develop abatement strategies under the Convention,

Referring to the Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution approved by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects at their eighth joint session (Geneva, 12–16 September 2022),

Adopts the Guidelines contained in document ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/20–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/13.

II. Adoption of the Technical Guidance for Emission Inventory Adjustments under the Amended Gothenburg Protocol

The Executive Body,

Referring to article 3 (11 quinquies) of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol), as amended in 2012,

Recalling its decisions:

(a) 2012/3 on adjustments under the Gothenburg Protocol to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them,¹

(b) 2012/12 on the Guidance for adjustments under the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them,

(c) 2014/1 on improving the guidance for adjustments under the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone to emission reduction commitments or to inventories for the purposes of comparing total national emissions with them,

(d) 2019/2 on review of compliance by Parties to the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol),

Recognizing the need for guidance to support Parties applying for adjustments with respect to their emission reduction commitments under the Gothenburg Protocol, as amended in 2012,

Adopts the Technical Guidance for Emission Inventory Adjustments under the Amended Gothenburg Protocol approved by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects at their eighth joint session (Geneva, 12–16 September 2022) and contained in document (ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/21–ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/14).

¹ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present document are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.

III. Adoption of the strategy for scientific bodies under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

The Executive Body,

Recalling the revised strategy for the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe for 2010–2019 (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/16/Rev.1²),

Recalling also the revised long-term strategy of the effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/17/Rev.1³),

Recognizing the achievements of the science work under the Convention over the past 10 years,

Recognizing also the need to update the above-mentioned strategies of the scientific bodies in order to set out a vision for scientific work and priorities for the period 2022–2030 and beyond, so to support implementation of the long-term strategy for the Convention for 2020–2030 and beyond (decision 2018/5)⁴ and provide the technical and scientific background to support the implementation of the protocols to the Convention,

Adopts the strategy for scientific bodies under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution approved by the Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe and the Working Group on Effects at their eighth joint session (Geneva, 12–16 September 2022) and contained in document ECE/EB.AIR/2022/10.

² See https://unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2013/air/emep/Informal_document_no_20_Revised_Strategy_for_EMEP_for_2010-2019_clean_text.pdf.

³ See https://unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2012/EB/Informal_document_no_18_Revised_Long-term_Strategy_of_the_effects-oriented_activities_clean_text.pdf.

⁴ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present document are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.

IV. Amendment to decision 2002/1 on the financing of core activities

The Executive Body,

Recalling its decision 2002/1¹ on the financing of core activities, as amended by decisions 2018/8, 2019/22 and 2021/4,

Recalling also its request to the secretariat to present a revised scale of recommended contributions, based on the most recent United Nations scale of assessments,²

Decides to amend appendix II its decision 2002/1 as follows:

For the existing text substitute

Scale of recommended contributions

(The following is the scale of contributions referred to in paragraph 5)

<i>Parties to Convention ^a</i>	<i>Recommended scale (percentage)</i>
<i>Non-European Union countries</i>	
Albania	0.023
Armenia	0.020
Azerbaijan	0.087
Belarus	0.119
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.035
Georgia	0.023
Iceland	0.105
Kazakhstan	0.386
Kyrgyzstan	0.006
Liechtenstein	0.029
Monaco	0.032
Montenegro	0.012
North Macedonia	0.020
Norway	1.972
Rep. of Moldova	0.015
Russian Federation	5.419
Serbia	0.093
Switzerland	3.293
Türkiye	2.454
Ukraine	0.163

¹ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present decision are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.

² ECE/EB.AIR/148, para. 32 (k) (advance version), available at <https://unece.org/info/events/event/350953>.

<i>Parties to Convention ^a</i>	<i>Recommended scale (percentage)</i>
United Kingdom	12.706
<i>European Union countries+European Union</i>	
Austria	1.972
Belgium	2.405
Bulgaria	0.163
Croatia	0.264
Cyprus	0.105
Czechia	0.987
Denmark	1.606
Estonia	0.128
Finland	1.211
France	12.540
Germany	17.747
Greece	0.944
Hungary	0.662
Ireland	1.275
Italy	9.261
Latvia	0.145
Lithuania	0.224
Luxembourg	0.197
Malta	0.055
Netherlands	3.999
Poland	2.431
Portugal	1.025
Romania	0.906
Slovakia	0.450
Slovenia	0.229
Spain	6.197
Sweden	2.530
European Union	3.33
Total	100.000

^a Canada and the United States of America: voluntary contributions.

V. Impartiality declaration for elected officers

The Executive Body,

Recalling the rules of procedure for sessions of the Executive Body, as adopted by decision 2010/19³ and amended by decision 2013/1, in particular sections VII and VIII of the annex to decision 2010/19,

Cognizant of the need for the elected officers of the Executive Body and the members of the Implementation Committee to exercise their duties in an impartial manner, avoiding actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest,

1. *Requests* all officers and members of the Implementation Committee newly elected by the Executive Body to sign the impartiality declaration as contained in the annex to the present decision prior to assuming their duties;
2. *Encourages* its subsidiary bodies to establish a similar practice for their newly elected Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

³ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present decision are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.

Annex

Impartiality declaration

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I will perform my functions as a member of [the Bureau of the Executive Body] [the Implementation Committee] for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution in an impartial and conscientious manner. I will disclose immediately any interest in any matter under discussion before the [Bureau] [Implementation Committee] that may constitute a real or apparent, personal or financial conflict of interest, or that might be incompatible with the objectivity, independence and impartiality expected of a member of the [Bureau] [Implementation Committee] and I will refrain from participating in the work of the [Bureau] [Committee] in relation to such matters.
