

# Update from the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Body

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## Topics addressed

- ❖ Batumi EfE Ministerial Conference
- ❖ Science
- ❖ Policy
- ❖ Compliance
- ❖ Capacity-building
- ❖ Communication & outreach



## 8<sup>th</sup> Batumi Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, 8-10 June 2016

- **Thematic segment on improving air quality for a better environment and human health**
- **Batumi Action for Cleaner Air:**
  - Actions to improve air quality in UNECE region to be endorsed by Ministers
  - Countries and other potential stakeholders (international organizations, donor organizations and NGOs) are invited to submit their voluntary commitments asap (deadline Monday, 9 May 2016)



## Science – Assessment Report

- EB welcomed:
  - “Summary for policymakers of the *Towards cleaner air: scientific assessment report 2016*”
  - *North American scientific assessment report*
- Launch of report on 31 May 2016, Norway house, Brussels
- EB adopted *decision 2016/1 on the establishment of an ad hoc policy review group of experts on the 2016 scientific assessment of the Convention*
  - Ad hoc group to report its progress and preliminary findings, incl. proposals for a policy response and priorities of work, for feedback from the WGSR at its fifty-fourth session (December 2016) and from the Executive Body at its thirty-sixth session (December 2016);



## Science - Funding

- EB expressed its concern with regard to the low level of payment of contributions to the trust fund for financing effects-oriented activities, and in particular the financial situation of CCE, and urged Parties to pay their recommended contributions in accordance with the scale of recommended contributions as adopted by the Executive Body at its thirty-fourth session



## Policy

Executive Body:

- Adopted *Decision 2016/2 Adoption of guidance document on emission control techniques for mobile sources*
- Invited all Parties to send their comments on **Draft guidelines for estimation and measurement of emissions of volatile organic compounds** to the co-Chairs of TFTEI by 31 May 2016
- Requested TFTEI to submit the final draft for consideration by the WGSR at its fifty-fourth session (Geneva, 13-14 December 2016) and adoption by the Executive Body at its thirty-sixth session (Geneva, 15-16 December 2016)



## Policy

Executive Body:

- Invited all Parties to provide to the secretariat by 30 November 2016 **short informal reports on their progress in the ratification of the three latest amended Protocols to the Convention**; invited all Parties to provide short oral presentations in this regard at its thirty-sixth session.
- Welcomed the finalization of the **note by the ad hoc group of legal experts on ratification of amended protocols that have not yet entered into force**, and invited all Parties and other States to refer to this document in their consideration of possible accession to the amended protocols to the Convention



## Policy

Report by the Chair of WGSR:

- Need for follow-up to the BAT workshop (Berlin, April 2016), recognizing importance of work by TFTEI, stressing continuation of work by WGSR on the policy front
- Continuation of information sharing among countries at WGSR sessions in an interactive format
- Focused attention on barriers and priority issues
- Need to enhance ratification of three latest Protocols



## Compliance

### Report by Chair of the Implementation Committee

- Reviewed in total 15 cases on **Parties' compliance with emission reduction commitments**: Closed four cases with regard to the Gothenburg Protocol (Luxemburg; Belgium, France, Spain) - Parties reached compliance due to the revision of the respective inventories in accordance with the approved outcome of the inventory adjustment procedure. Remaining 11 cases on various Protocols remain under review (Finland, Liechtenstein, Latvia, Denmark, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Croatia, Spain, Italy, Germany, Netherlands).
- Reviewed non-compliance of 16 Parties with **reporting obligations**: Belarus and Hungary – cases closed due to the completeness of the reported data. Other countries (Albania, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Moldova, Greece, Monaco, France, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, EU) remain under review

## Capacity-building to promote ratification and implementation in EECCA



- Usefulness of BAT workshop (Berlin, April 2016) highlighted by Chair of EECCA Coordinating Group and Serbia, Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan
- Potential importance of the regional clearing house of control technology information developed by TFTEI as a tool to exchange information and to support the ratification of the latest protocols to the Convention highlighted by Chair of EECCA Coordinating Group
- Importance of activities by secretariat to support capacity-building
- Need for a workshop to support the implementation of the guidance document on the methods of calculation of emissions of VOCs from stationary sources, plans to organize a meeting of the Coordinating Group in conjunction

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- Ukraine suggested bilateral exchange of information on BAT with countries with similar activity sectors (not existing in EU) to address obstacles to GP ratification
- Secretariat informed the Parties about the activities organized in 2015-2016 in Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine to improve reporting within the Convention, conduct an analysis of national policies and legal framework of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan
- Need for funding for travel support for EECCA participants



## Communication & outreach

- Briefing by secretariat on cooperation with UNEP, WHO, Climate and Clean Air Coalition, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions, UNFCCC, CBD, WMO, UNESCO, OECD, IMO, and regional organizations and agreements
- Several Parties particularly supportive of the cooperation with WHO and UNEP; noted that the information on cooperation would also help Parties to work with colleagues at the national level.
- EB encouraged the secretariat and relevant subsidiary bodies to further pursue cooperation with relevant international organizations





**Thank you for your attention!**

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