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INVITATION FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM EXPERTS

Subject: Update of the Guidance Document ‘on BAT for mobile sources’ to the Gothenburg Protocol of the LRTAP Convention

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Gothenburg protocol (GP) to the LRTAP Convention was last revised and amended in 2012. The revision also called for an update of the guidance documents under the GP which have been partly updated and adopted by the Parties for application both under the current and revised GP.

Specifically for mobile sources the GP requires Parties to this protocol to apply limit values for certain fuels and new mobile sources (standards) identified in Annex VIII and that they should apply best available techniques (BAT) to existing and new mobile sources. The current "Guidance Document on Control Techniques for Selected Mobile Sources", which provides guidance to the Parties with respect to the application of BAT, dates from 1999, i.e. since the time of the adoption of the original protocol, and needs to be updated to reflect the current knowledge and advancements in engine and exhaust control techniques.

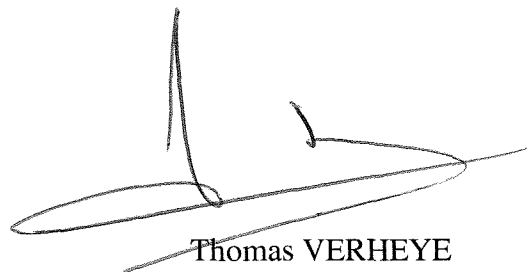
To support the update of the Guidance Document by EGTEI (the Expert Group on Techno-Economic Issues under LRTAP) the Commission has assigned IIASA and EMISIA a contract to provide the necessary technical background on available control techniques for mobile sources and a first draft of an updated Guidance Document. The final output by IIASA and EMISIA, expected by the end of 2014, could form the basis for further discussions within EGTEI and subsequent adoption of a new Guidance Document by the Executive Body of the Convention.

The Commission invites national experts and other stakeholders to actively engage with the experts from IIASA and EMISIA in their task and to contribute with useful and up-to-date information. For the purpose of this information gathering process IIASA and EMISIA have drafted a questionnaire, preferably to be complemented with information on proven and effective techniques and technologies for the control of emissions from mobile sources.

We welcome any input you can provide.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Meulepas (+32 2 295 57 96) or Andre Zuber (+32 2 298 49 95) in my unit or contact directly Jens Borken from IIASA (+43 2236 807 570) or Leonidas Ntziachristos from EMISIA (+ 30 2310 996003).

Yours sincerely

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