**Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP)**

**42nd session of the Executive Body (EB 42, 12-16 December 2022, Geneva/hybrid)**

**Draft Decisions of the Executive Body**

**Submission by the EU and its Member States**

2 December 2022

The EU and its Member States thank the Air Convention Secretariat for preparing draft decisions of the Executive Body at its 42nd meeting.

We would like to provide comments on the draft decisions. They are indicated in track changes and comments in document ECE/EB.AIR/2022/8, reproduced below.

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Transboundary Air Pollution

**Forty-second session**

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Items 4 (a), 6 and 8 of the provisional agenda

**Review of the implementation of the 2022**–**2023 workplan: science**

**Financial requirements for the implementation of the Convention**

**Impartiality declaration for elected officers**

 **Draft decisions of the Executive Body**

 **Note by the secretariat**

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

1. *Adopts* the Guidelines contained in document ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/20− ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/13, as amended during the session, for application in 2024 and subsequent years,
2. *Decides* that these revised and adopted Guidelines are considered within the specification of the applicable guidelines in EB Decision 2013/4, paragraph 2,
3. *Encourages* Parties to provisionally apply the Guidelines contained in document ECE/EB.AIR/GE.1/2022/20− ECE/EB.AIR/WG.1/2022/13 in 2023, as amended during the session,

 **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]](#footnote-2)

(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* theTechnical 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).

 **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.1[[2]](#footnote-3)),

*Recalling also* the revised long-term strategy of the effects-oriented activities (ECE/EB.AIR/2009/17/Rev.1[[3]](#footnote-4)),

*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]](#footnote-5) 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.

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

*The Executive Body,*

*Recalling* its decision 2002/1[[5]](#footnote-6) 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,[[6]](#footnote-7)

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)

| *Parties to Convention a* | *Recommended scale (percentage)* |
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| *Non-European Union countries* |   |
| 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 |
| United Kingdom | 12.706 |
| *European Union countries+European Union* |  |
| 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 2010/19[[7]](#footnote-8) and amended by decision 2013/1, in particular sections VII and VIII of the annex to decision 2010/19,

*Recalling* the rules of the Implementation Committee, as adopted by decision 2012/25 on improving the functioning of the Implementation Committee, in particular sections I, IV and XI of the annex to decision 2012/25,

*Cognizant* of the need for the officers of the Executive Body, the chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the members of the Implementation Committee, all elected by and accountable to the Executive Body, to exercise their duties in an impartial manner, of being fully transparent about any actual, potential and perceived conflicts of interest and for taking appropriate steps to secure neutral decision-making.

*1. Requests* all officers of the Executive Body, the chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, 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 also establish this practice for their newly elected Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

*3. Requests* that impartiality declarations signed under points 1 or point 2 should be submitted to the Bureau of the Executive Body with a copy to Secretariat for record-keeping purposes.

**Annex**

 **Impartiality declaration**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I will perform my functions as [the chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR)] [the chair of the Executive Body (EB)] [vice-chair of the EB] [member of the Implementation Committee (IC)] 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 [EB Bureau] [EB and WGSR Bureaux] [IC] 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 EB Bureau] [Chair of the WGSR] [member of the IC] and I will refrain from participating in the work of the [EB Bureau] [EB and WGSR Bureaux] [IC] in relation to such matters.

**VI. Amending Decision 2013/4 (Reporting of emissions and projections data under the Convention and its protocols in force)**

*The Parties to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds, the 1994 Sulphur Protocol, the Protocol on Heavy Metals, the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Gothenburg Protocol, respectively, meeting within the Executive Body,*

*Referring* to the Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Guidelines) adopted by the Executive Body at its thirty-second session (decision 2013/3) with applicability defined in Executive Body decision 2013/4,

*Referring* to decision 2022/1 adopting updated Guidelines for Reporting Emissions and Projections Data,

*Decides* to amend its decision 2013/4 as set out in the annex to this decision.

**Annex I**

**Amendments to decision 2013/4 (Reporting of emissions and projections data under the Convention and its protocols in force)**

1. In the first recital, the following words are inserted at the end of the sentence:

 and revised by the Executive Body at its forty-second session (decision 2022/1)

1. In paragraph 2, the following words are inserted after the words “adopted through decision 2013/3”:

and revised by decision 2022/1

1. In Annex I, in paragraph (c), the following sentence is deleted:

“As an alternative, a Party may use grid units with a size of approximately 50 x 50 square kilometres (km2) until it is technically and economically feasible to switch to 0.1° x 0.1° latitude-longitude grids”

1. In Annex III, in paragraph (c), the following sentence is deleted:

“As an alternative, a Party may use grid units with a size of approximately 50 x 50 km2 until it is technically and economically feasible to switch to 0.1° x 0.1° latitude-longitude grids”

1. In Annex IV, the chapeau paragraph is replaced with the following text:

“The Parties to the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions (1994 Sulphur Protocol), the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals including in amended version, the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants including in amended version and the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) including in amended version, respectively,”

1. In Annex IV, in paragraph (c)(iii), the following sentence is deleted:

“As an alternative, a Party may use grid units with a size of approximately 50 x 50 km2 until it is technically and economically feasible to switch to 0.1° x 0.1° latitude-longitude grids”

1. All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present document are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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](https://unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/documents/2013/air/emep/Informal_document_no_20_Revised_Strategy_for_EMEP_for_2010-2019_clean_text.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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](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). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present document are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present decision are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. ECE/EB.AIR/148, para. 32 (k) (advance version), available at <https://unece.org/info/events/event/350953>. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present decision are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)