

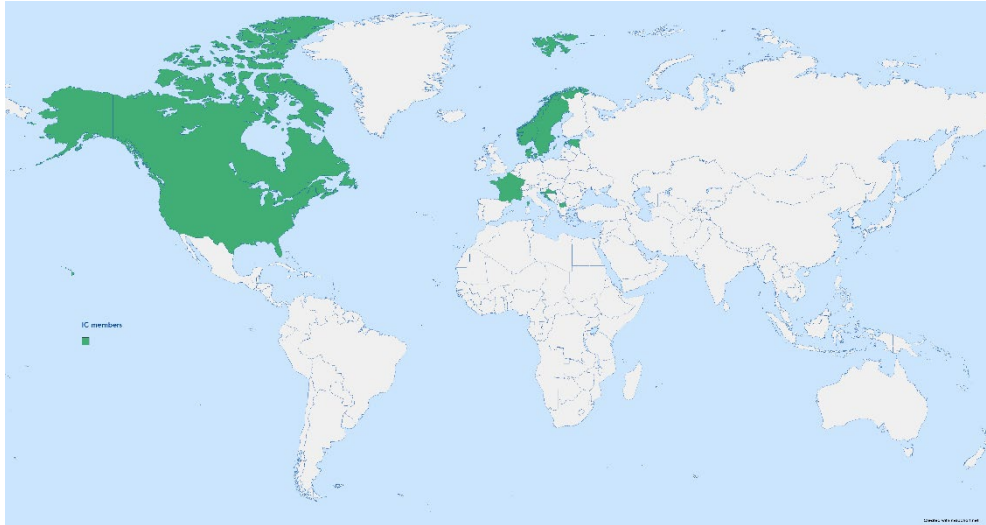
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# Report of the Implementation Committee - 2023

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# Implementation Committee



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# IC Mandate

- **Decision 2012/25** and **2019/2** provides structures and functions of the Implementation Committee and specifies in IV(3) a & b that the IC shall:
  - review compliance with the reporting requirements of the protocols to the Convention
  - consider any submission or referrals [...] with a view to securing a constructive solution, with the exception, from 2022 onwards, of ongoing or new submissions or referrals of possible non-compliance by a Party to the amended Gothenburg Protocol, with one of its 2010 emission ceilings set out in table 1 of annex II to that Protocol. Such submissions or referrals will no longer be considered.”

\* **According to the ECE/EB.AIR/2022/9**, temporary measures were taken to restrict activities and IC had one, instead of two, formal meetings in 2023.

# Follow-up to EB decisions (1)

- Protocol on Heavy metals:
  - Liechtenstein Cd case - review will continue in 2025
- POPs protocol
  - Liechtenstein HCB case - case was closed;
  - Serbia PAH and PCDD/F case – PAH closed and PCDD/F review in 2025;
  - Finland PAH case - review will continue in 2024

## Follow-up to EB decisions (2)

- 1985 Sulphur protocol:
  - North-Macedonia case – review in 2025
- Second Sulphur protocol:
  - North-Macedonia case – case was closed

# New submissions and referrals initiated in 2023



- **17 new cases were identified**, but due to temporary restrictions in the IC formal meetings procedures, which are in turn related to a shortage of financial resources, **7 new cases were addressed in 2023**, with 2 being resolved upon clarifications provided by Parties concerned
- **Referrals to the Committee should continue according to the established procedure**, including referrals which were not addressed in 2023

# New submissions and referrals initiated in 2023



- Gothenburg Protocol:
  - Romania PM<sub>2.5</sub> case – review in 2025;
  - Cyprus SO<sub>x</sub> case – review in 2024
  - Lithuania NMVOC and NH<sub>3</sub> case – review in 2025
- POPs Protocol:
  - Montenegro HCB case – review in 2024

# Compliance with reporting obligations



- Follow-up decisions:
  - Moldova case regarding gridded emission data reporting
- Referrals concerning reporting of emission data:
  - Liechtenstein, Montenegro, North-Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia, Romania



## Referrals initiated in 2023

- Moldova – reporting obligations under HM and POPs Protocol;
- Croatia – reporting obligations under NO<sub>x</sub>, VOC, 1994 Sulphur, POPs, HM and Gothenburg Protocol;
- Spain – reporting obligations under Gothenburg Protocol
- North-Macedonia – reporting obligations under Gothenburg Protocol

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**Thank you for your attention!**

