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**2006 DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ON STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR AIR  
POLLUTION ABATEMENT**

Note by the secretariat

**Introduction**

1. This note contains information on the 2006 draft questionnaire on strategies and policies for air pollution abatement. The questionnaire is to assist Parties to provide information on strategies and policies as required under the protocols to the Convention. At its twentieth session, the Executive Body decided to separate the review process (and questionnaire) into two parts: first, protocol-related questions for priority compliance review and second, general policy questions. The 2006 draft questionnaire covers both parts.
2. This document describes the structure and content of the draft questionnaire (section I), a time schedule to carry out the work related to the questionnaire (section II), draft conclusions for the consideration of the Executive Body (section III) and a proposed structure for a review publication based on the replies (section IV). The draft compliance questions are in EB.AIR/2005/4/Add.1 and the draft general questions are in EB.AIR/2005/4/Add.2.

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## **I. STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF THE DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE**

3. The first part of the draft questionnaire (EB.AIR/2005/4/add.1, questions 1-49) covers obligations by Parties under the protocols in force, with the exception of the EMEP Protocol: the 1985 Protocol on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or their Transboundary Fluxes by at least 30 per cent; the 1988 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes; the 1991 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes, the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions, the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and the 1999 Protocol on Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone. These questions may provide, together with emission data and other information, a basis for the Implementation Committee to consider compliance by Parties with their obligations under the protocols. The Committee reviewed the draft questions, and its recommendations, for example regarding precision and clarity of the text, and these were incorporated in the text by the secretariat.

4. The second part of the questionnaire (EB.AIR/2005/4/add.2, questions 50-69), the general policy questions, aims to elicit descriptive information on the strategies and policies of Parties. These questions have been amended by the secretariat since the last general questionnaire.

## **II. TIME SCHEDULE**

5. The tentative schedule of work is as follows:

**December 2005:** Approval of the draft questionnaire by the Executive Body at its twenty-third session;

**15 January 2006:** Questionnaire made available on the Convention's website. Parties will be informed, by electronic mail, that the questionnaire is available for use. Instructions will be provided;

**31 March 2006:** Deadline for submission of replies by Parties;

**April 2006:** Preliminary information on replies presented to the Implementation Committee at its seventeenth meeting. Requests sent to Parties for clarification of replies or additional material, if necessary;

**May to July 2006:** Preparation of draft review document for submission to the Executive Body;

**July 2006:** Further information on responses presented to the Implementation Committee at its eighteenth meeting. Further requests to Parties for clarification of replies or additional material, if necessary;

**August 2006:** Finalization of draft review document for submission to Executive Body;

**December 2006:** Implementation Committee report and draft review document submitted to the Executive Body at its twenty-fourth session.

### III. DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

6. The Executive Body is invited to:

(a) Approve the 2006 draft questionnaire and request the secretariat to make it available on the Convention's website;

(b) Decide that the questionnaire will represent the uniform reporting framework referred to in: article 8, para. 2 of the 1988 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or their Transboundary Fluxes; article 8, para. 4 of the 1991 Protocol concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes; article 5, para. 1 of the 1994 Protocol on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions; article 9, para 2 of the 1998 Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants; article 7, para. 2 of the 1998 Protocol on Heavy Metals and article 7, para. 2 of the 1999 Protocol on Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone.

(c) Request Parties to reply to the questionnaire by the deadline of 31 March 2006, providing clear cross-references, if necessary, and replies that are brief and focused, including, when appropriate, information in tables;

(d) Request the secretariat to make replies from Parties available on the Convention's website;

(e) Request the secretariat to provide information from the replies to the Implementation Committee to enable it to address issues of compliance related to the reporting of strategies and policies;

(f) Request the Implementation Committee to consider the results of the questionnaire and report to the Executive Body at its twenty-fourth session;

(g) Request the secretariat to prepare a draft review document and submit it to the Executive Body at its twenty-fourth session.

#### **IV. DRAFT STRUCTURE OF THE 2006 REVIEW OF STRATEGIES AND POLICIES FOR AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT**

##### **A. Preface and Executive Summary**

7. The preface, in accordance with the UNECE guidelines for publications, will describe the general aims of the review, which are:

(a) To assess the progress made by Parties and the region as a whole in implementing the Convention and its protocols;

(b) To facilitate the exchange of information between Parties, as required by the Convention and its protocols; and

(c) To raise awareness of the problems of air pollution, as well as to make the Convention's contribution to successful abatement of pollution more visible.

8. The Executive Summary will be user-friendly for the public and the press.

##### **B. Introduction**

9. The introduction to the review will explain its background and mandate and will outline its contents. An organizational chart of the Convention will be appended.

##### **C. General Information**

10. This chapter will provide an overview of the activities within the framework of the Convention. The status of ratification of the Convention and its protocols will be summarized.

##### **D. Emission levels and trends in transboundary air pollution and its effects**

11. This chapter will be based on information provided by Parties to the secretariat in accordance with emission reporting obligations and on reports to the Steering Body of EMEP. It will also highlight relevant work of the Working Group on Effects, summarizing recent findings from the International Cooperative Programmes. Trends in time-series data, as well as projections for future emissions, may be included.

**E. Extent of implementation of protocols and progress of national policies and strategies**

12. This chapter will summarize information submitted by Parties through the questionnaire. It will present an analysis of the current situation and progress made towards implementing the protocols. It will give an overview for the region and highlight shortfalls.

**F. Additional information and future priorities**

13. This chapter will present additional information provided by Parties, particularly that in response to the general policy questions. This may include information on the legislative, regulatory and strategic framework, research and development, exchange of technology, economic instruments, air and fuel quality standards, integration of policies, energy consumption trends, projections and voluntary agreements. Information on priority or future areas of work under the Convention may also be provided here, such as the plans for review or revision of protocols, capacity building projects in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus, hemispheric transport of air pollution etc.

**G. Tables, diagrams and maps**

14. As in previous reports, a comprehensive selection of relevant tables, charts and maps will be annexed to the document. Websites provided by Parties will be listed.