

**1. c) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution concerning the control of emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes**

*Sofia, 31 October 1988*

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*Note:* The Protocol was drawn up within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe and was adopted on 31 October 1988 by the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution. It was open for signature at Sofia from 1 to 4 November 1988 and subsequently, at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York until 5 May 1989.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a), Succession(d)</i>
Albania.....		16 Jun 2009 a	Liechtenstein.....	1 Nov 1988	24 Mar 1994
Austria .....	1 Nov 1988	15 Jan 1990	Lithuania.....		26 May 2006 a
Belarus .....	1 Nov 1988	8 Jun 1989 A	Luxembourg.....	1 Nov 1988	4 Oct 1990
Belgium .....	1 Nov 1988	8 Nov 2000	Netherlands <sup>4</sup> .....	1 Nov 1988	11 Oct 1989 A
Bulgaria .....	1 Nov 1988	30 Mar 1989	North Macedonia .....		10 Mar 2010 a
Canada .....	1 Nov 1988	25 Jan 1991	Norway .....	1 Nov 1988	11 Oct 1989
Croatia .....		3 Mar 2008 a	Poland .....	1 Nov 1988	23 Nov 2011
Cyprus.....		2 Sep 2004 a	Russian Federation .....	1 Nov 1988	21 Jun 1989 A
Czech Republic <sup>1</sup> .....		30 Sep 1993 d	Slovakia <sup>1</sup> .....		28 May 1993 d
Denmark <sup>2</sup> .....	1 Nov 1988	1 Mar 1993 A	Slovenia .....		5 Jan 2006 a
Estonia .....		7 Mar 2000 a	Spain .....	1 Nov 1988	4 Dec 1990
European Union.....		17 Dec 1993 a	Sweden.....	1 Nov 1988	27 Jul 1990
Finland .....	1 Nov 1988	1 Feb 1990	Switzerland .....	1 Nov 1988	18 Sep 1990
France .....	1 Nov 1988	20 Jul 1989 AA	Ukraine .....	1 Nov 1988	24 Jul 1989 A
Germany <sup>3</sup> .....	1 Nov 1988	16 Nov 1990	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <sup>5</sup> .....	1 Nov 1988	15 Oct 1990
Greece.....	1 Nov 1988	29 Apr 1998	United States of America.....	1 Nov 1988	13 Jul 1989 A
Hungary .....	3 May 1989	12 Nov 1991 AA			
Ireland.....	1 May 1989	17 Oct 1994			
Italy.....	1 Nov 1988	19 May 1992			

***Declarations and Reservations***  
*(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession.)*

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"In accordance with Article 2, paragraph 1 of the protocol, the Government of the United States of America specifies 1978 as the applicable calendar year for determining measures to control and/or reduce its national annual emissions of nitrogen oxides or their transboundary fluxes.

The Government of the United States of America believes that there must be a follow-on protocol to establish a control obligation based on scientific, technical

and economic factors, including consideration of the protocol's effect on the innovative control technologies program of the United States. If such a protocol is not adopted by 1996, the United States of America will consider withdrawal from this protocol.

The Government of the United States of America understands that nations will have the flexibility to meet the overall requirements of the protocol through the most effective means."

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#### *Notes:*

<sup>1</sup> Czechoslovakia had signed and approved the Protocol on 1 November 1988 and 17 August 1990, respectively. See also note 1 under "Czech Republic" and note 1 under "Slovakia" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>2</sup> With a declaration of non-application to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

<sup>3</sup> The German Democratic Republic had signed the Protocol on 1 November 1988.

See also note 2 under "Germany" in the "Historical Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

<sup>4</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

<sup>5</sup> The instrument specifies that the said Protocol is ratified in respect of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey, the Isle of Man and the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the island of Cyprus.

