

1. e) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions

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Note: The Protocol, adopted on 13 June 1994 by the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution at its special session held in Oslo on 13 and 14 June 1994, was open for signature at Oslo until 14 June 1994, and thereafter, at United Nations Headquarters, New York, until 12 December 1994, in accordance with its article 12 (1). The Protocol is open to signature by States members of the Economic commission for Europe as well as States having consultative status with the Commission, pursuant to paragraph 8 of [Economic and social Council Resolution 36 \(IV\)2 of 28 March 1947](#), and by regional economic integration organizations, constituted by sovereign States members of the Commission, which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international agreements in matters covered by the Protocol, provided that the States and organizations concerned are Parties to the 1979 Convention.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>	<i>Participant</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Ratification, Accession(a), Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Succession(d)</i>
Austria	14 Jun 1994	27 Aug 1998	Lithuania.....		22 Apr 2008 a
Belgium ³	14 Jun 1994	8 Nov 2000	Luxembourg.....	14 Jun 1994	14 Jun 1996
Bulgaria	14 Jun 1994	5 Jul 2005	Monaco		9 Apr 2002 a
Canada	14 Jun 1994	8 Jul 1997	Netherlands ⁵	14 Jun 1994	30 May 1995 A
Croatia	14 Jun 1994	27 Apr 1999 A	North Macedonia		5 Jun 2014 a
Cyprus.....		26 Apr 2006 a	Norway	14 Jun 1994	3 Jul 1995
Czech Republic.....	14 Jun 1994	19 Jun 1997	Poland	14 Jun 1994	
Denmark ⁴	14 Jun 1994	25 Aug 1997 AA	Russian Federation	14 Jun 1994	
European Union.....	14 Jun 1994	24 Apr 1998 AA	Slovakia	14 Jun 1994	1 Apr 1998
Finland	14 Jun 1994	8 Jun 1998 A	Slovenia	14 Jun 1994	7 May 1998
France	14 Jun 1994	12 Jun 1997 AA	Spain	14 Jun 1994	7 Aug 1997
Germany	14 Jun 1994	3 Jun 1998	Sweden.....	14 Jun 1994	19 Jul 1995
Greece.....	14 Jun 1994	24 Feb 1998	Switzerland	14 Jun 1994	23 Jan 1998
Hungary	9 Dec 1994	11 Mar 2002	Ukraine	14 Jun 1994	
Ireland.....	17 Oct 1994	4 Sep 1998	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ⁶	14 Jun 1994	17 Dec 1996
Italy	14 Jun 1994	14 Sep 1998			
Liechtenstein.....	14 Jun 1994	27 Aug 1997 A			

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

AUSTRIA

"The Republic of Austria declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 9 of the Protocol that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in this paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

BULGARIA

".....[u]nder Article 2, paragraph 5, subparagraph (c): The Republic of Bulgaria declares that it extends the time period for the sulphur content of diesel to 6 years and of gas oil to 9 years after the date of entry into force of the Protocol."

EUROPEAN UNION

"The European Community states that the ceiling for emissions and the weighted average percentage for the European Community ought not to exceed the sum of the obligations of the Member States of the European Union which have ratified the Protocol, while stressing that all its Member States must reduce their SO₂ emissions in accordance with the emission ceilings set in Annex II to the Protocol and in line with the relevant Community legislation."

NETHERLANDS

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of article 9 of the [said Protocol], that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both of these means of dispute settlement."

Notes:

¹ In a letter dated 18 January 2002 and received on 12 March 2002, the Secretary to the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, informed the Secretary-General that at its nineteenth session, the Executive Body adopted by consensus an adjustment to annex II to the Protocol necessary to enable Monaco's accession to the Protocol, agreeing to add its name, together with emission levels, sulphur emission ceilings and percentage emission reductions.

In accordance with article 11 of the Protocol, the adoption of the adjustment will become effective on the ninetieth day following the date of the said letter, that is to say on 18 April 2002.

Subsequently, in a letter dated 8 March 2005 and received on 14 March 2005, the Secretary to the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, informed the Secretary-General that at its twenty-second session, the Executive Body adopted by consensus an adjustment to annex II to the Protocol necessary to enable Cyprus's accession to the Protocol, agreeing to add its name, together with emission levels, sulphur emission ceilings and percentage emission reductions.

In accordance with article 11 of the Protocol, the adoption of the adjustment will become effective on the ninetieth day following the date of the said letter, that is to say on 12 May 2005.

In a letter dated 18 March 2008 and received on 27 March 2008, the Secretary to the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution informed the Secretary-General that at its twenty-fifth session, the Executive Body adopted by consensus an adjustment to Annex II to the Protocol necessary to enable Lithuania's accession to the Protocol, agreeing to add its name, together with emission levels, emission ceilings and percentage emission reductions for sulphur.

² United Nations, *Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council*, 4th session, 28-29 March 1942 (E/437), p. 10.

³ With a declaration to the effect that this signature also commits the Flemish region, the Wallone region and the region of the capital Brussels.

⁴ With reservation for the application to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

⁵ For the Kingdom in Europe.

⁶ For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bailiwick of Jersey. On 21 November 2003: for the Isle of Man.

