

**1. h) Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone**

*Gothenburg (Sweden), 30 November 1999*

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 17 May 2005, in accordance with article 17 which reads as follows: "1. The present Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date on which the sixteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession has been deposited with the Depository. 2. For each State and organization that meets the requirements of article 14, paragraph 1, which ratifies, accepts or approves the present Protocol or accedes thereto after the deposit of the sixteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Protocol shall enter into force on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit by such Party of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession".

**REGISTRATION:** 17 May 2005, No. 21623.

**STATUS:** Signatories: 31. Parties: 29.

**TEXT:** United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol.2319 , p.81 ; Document of the Economic and Social Council [EB.AIR/1999/1](#); C.N.155.2013.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h (Adoption of amendments of the text of and Annexes II to IX and addition of new Annexes X and XI); C.N.171.2013.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h of 7 March 2013 (Adoption of amendments to Annex I) and C.N.595.2013.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h of 19 September 2013 (Entry into force); C.N.270.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h of 15 July 2020 (Adoption of amendment to Annex VII); C.N.4.2021.TREATIES-XXVII-1-h of 13 January 2021 (Proposal of correction to the amendment to Annex VII) and C.N.136.2021.TREATIES-XXVII-1-h of 26 April 2021 (Correction).

*Note:* Open for signature at Gothenburg (Sweden) on 30 November 1999 and 1 December 1999, then at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 May 2000, by States members of the Economic Commission for Europe as well as States having consultative status with the Economic Commission for Europe pursuant to paragraph 8 of Economic and Social Council resolution [36 \(IV\)](#)<sup>1</sup> of 28 March 1947, and by regional economic integration organizations, constituted by sovereign States members of the Economic Commission for Europe, 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 Convention and are listed in annex II.

| <i>Participant</i>         | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)</i> | <i>Participant</i>             | <i>Signature</i> | <i>Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)</i> |
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| Armenia .....              | 1 Dec 1999       |  | Greece .....                   | 1 Mar 2000       |  |
| Austria .....              | 1 Dec 1999       |  | Hungary .....                  | 1 Dec 1999       | 13 Nov 2006 AA   |
| Belgium .....              | 4 Feb 2000       | 13 Sep 2007  | Ireland.....                   | 1 Dec 1999       |  |
| Bulgaria .....             | 1 Dec 1999       | 5 Jul 2005   | Italy.....                     | 1 Dec 1999       |  |
| Canada .....               | 1 Dec 1999       | 28 Nov 2017  | Latvia.....                    | 1 Dec 1999       | 25 May 2004 A  |
| Croatia .....              | 1 Dec 1999       | 7 Oct 2008   | Liechtenstein.....             | 1 Dec 1999       |  |
| Cyprus.....                |                  | 11 Apr 2007 a  | Lithuania.....                 |                  | 2 Apr 2004 a   |
| Czech Republic.....        | 1 Dec 1999       | 12 Aug 2004  | Luxembourg.....                | 1 Dec 1999       | 7 Aug 2001   |
| Denmark <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1 Dec 1999       | 11 Jun 2002 AA   | Malta.....                     |                  | 9 Mar 2021 a   |
| Estonia .....              |                  | 7 Oct 2019 a   | Netherlands <sup>3</sup> ..... | 1 Dec 1999       | 5 Feb 2004 A   |
| European Union.....        |                  | 23 Jun 2003 a  | North Macedonia .....          |                  | 5 Jun 2014 a   |
| Finland .....              | 1 Dec 1999       | 23 Dec 2003 A  | Norway .....                   | 1 Dec 1999       | 30 Jan 2002  |
| France .....               | 1 Dec 1999       | 10 Apr 2007 AA   | Poland .....                   | 30 May 2000      |  |
| Germany .....              | 1 Dec 1999       | 21 Oct 2004  | Portugal.....                  | 1 Dec 1999       | 16 Feb 2005 AA   |

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| Republic of Moldova..... | 23 May           | 2000   | Switzerland .....   | 1 Dec            | 1999 14 Sep 2005   |
| Romania.....             | 1 Dec            | 1999 5 Sep 2003  | United Kingdom of<br>Great Britain and<br>Northern Ireland..... | 1 Dec            | 1999 8 Dec 2005  |
| Slovakia .....           | 1 Dec            | 1999 28 Apr 2005   | United States of<br>America.....                                | 1 Dec            | 1999 22 Nov 2004 A   |
| Slovenia .....           | 1 Dec            | 1999 4 May 2004  |   |                  |  |
| Spain .....              | 1 Dec            | 1999 28 Jan 2005   |   |                  |  |
| Sweden.....              | 1 Dec            | 1999 28 Mar 2002   |   |                  |  |

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

**BULGARIA**

The Republic of Bulgaria declares that, for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex VII and paragraphs 6 and 9 of Annex IX of the Protocol, it wishes to be treated as a country with an economy in transition.

**CROATIA**

Declaration:

"The Republic of Croatia declares that, for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex VII and paragraphs 6 and 9 of Annex IX of the Protocol, it wishes to be treated as a country with an economy in transition."

**ESTONIA**

"... the Republic of Estonia declares that in respect of any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Protocol within the meaning of Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Protocol, it recognizes the means of dispute settlement as compulsory, in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation."

**NETHERLANDS**

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands declares, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, that it accepts both means of dispute settlement referred to in that paragraph as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting one or both means of dispute settlement."

**ROMANIA**

In accordance with Annex VII paragraph 3 of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-Level Ozone, Romania wishes to be treated as a country with an economy in transition for the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Annex VII of the Protocol.

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

"... the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having considered the Protocol aforesaid, hereby confirms and ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein contained subject to the reservation that the United Kingdom reserves the right not to apply article 3, paragraph 2, of the Protocol, in so far as it applies to new lean-burn spark ignition 4-stroke engines greater than 1 MWth capacity, believing that it is not likely to be technically feasible to achieve the limit value, specified in table 4 of annex V to the Protocol, of 250 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>, for such engines.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

"The United States will act in accordance with article 3, paragraph 9."

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Official Documents of the Economic and Social Council, (E/437), p. 11.

<sup>2</sup> With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

<sup>3</sup> For the Kingdom in Europe.

