

CHAPTER XXVII
ENVIRONMENT

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 Depositary. 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

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United Nations, *Treaty Series*, [vol.2319](#), p.81 ;

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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 to the Protocol as amended) and [CN.270.2021.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h](#) of 13 September 2021 (Entry into force);¹ [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 \(IV\)](#)² 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.

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)
Armenia	1 Dec 1999	

Austria	1 Dec 1999	
Belgium	4 Feb 2000	13 Sep 2007
Bulgaria	1 Dec 1999	5 Jul 2005
Canada	1 Dec 1999	28 Nov 2017
Croatia	1 Dec 1999	7 Oct 2008
Cyprus		11 Apr 2007 a
Czech Republic	1 Dec 1999	12 Aug 2004
Denmark ³	1 Dec 1999	11 Jun 2002 AA
Estonia		7 Oct 2019 a
European Union		23 Jun 2003 a
Finland	1 Dec 1999	23 Dec 2003 A
France	1 Dec 1999	10 Apr 2007 AA
Germany	1 Dec 1999	21 Oct 2004
Greece	1 Mar 2000	
Hungary	1 Dec 1999	13 Nov 2006 AA
Ireland	1 Dec 1999	
Italy	1 Dec 1999	
Latvia	1 Dec 1999	25 May 2004 A
Liechtenstein	1 Dec 1999	

Lithuania		2 Apr 2004 a
Luxembourg	1 Dec 1999	7 Aug 2001
Malta		9 Mar 2021 a
Netherlands ⁴	1 Dec 1999	5 Feb 2004 A
North Macedonia		5 Jun 2014 a
Norway	1 Dec 1999	30 Jan 2002
Poland	30 May 2000	
Portugal	1 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2005 AA
Republic of Moldova	23 May 2000	
Romania	1 Dec 1999	5 Sep 2003
Slovakia	1 Dec 1999	28 Apr 2005
Slovenia	1 Dec 1999	4 May 2004
Spain	1 Dec 1999	28 Jan 2005
Sweden	1 Dec 1999	28 Mar 2002
Switzerland	1 Dec 1999	14 Sep 2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1 Dec 1999	8 Dec 2005
United States of America	1 Dec 1999	22 Nov 2004 A

Declarations and Reservations

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

Bulgaria

Declaration:

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*Declaration:*

“... 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

17 February 2010

Declaration:

“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*Declaration:*

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*Reservation:*

"... 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/Nm³, for such engines.

United States of America*Declaration:*

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

End Note

1	<p>On 7 May 2021, Norway, having made a declaration that it does not intend to be bound by the procedures set out in article 13 bis (7) regarding amendments to annexes IV - XI, deposited with the Secretary-General its instrument of acceptance of the amendment to Annex VII to the Protocol as amended, circulated in depositary notification CN.270.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.1.h of 15 July 2020.</p>
2	<p><i>Official Documents of the Economic and Social Council</i> , (E/437), p. 11.</p>
3	<p>With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.</p>
4	<p>For the Kingdom in Europe.</p>