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PREFACE

The Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution, signed in Geneva in 1979, is a landmark international agreement. For more than 25 years it has been instrumental in reducing emissions contributing to transboundary air pollution in the UNECE region through coordinated efforts on research, monitoring and the development of emission reduction strategies on regional air pollution and its effects.

The 2006 summary review of strategies and policies for air pollution abatement is based on replies by Parties to the Convention to the 2006 questionnaire on strategies and policies as well as other information provided by Parties. The questionnaire asked Parties for information on their implementation of the protocols to the Convention as well as general policy information related to the integration of air pollution mitigation policies with economic, transport, energy, waste management, spatial planning and other policy frameworks.

Each of the protocols includes reporting obligations by Parties. At its twenty-third session, the Executive Body decided that the questionnaire would represent the uniform reporting framework referred to in article 8.2 of the Protocol on Nitrogen Oxides, article 8.4 of the Protocol on Volatile Organic Compounds, article

5.1 of the 1994 Protocol on Sulphur, article 9.2 of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, article 7.2 of the Protocol on Heavy Metals and article 7.2 of the Gothenburg Protocol (ECE/EB.AIR/87, para. 70(b)).

The overall aim of the reviews of strategies and policies is:

- (a) To assess the progress made by Parties and the region as a whole in implementing obligations under the Convention and its protocols and to further their implementation;
- (b) To facilitate the exchange of information between Parties, which is foreseen in the Convention and its protocols; and
- (c) To raise awareness about the problems of air pollution, as well as to make the contribution of the Convention and successful abatement strategies more visible.

As of 15 September 2007, 51 member countries of UNECE and the European Community were Party to the Convention. The review reflects the continued efforts made by Parties to comply with their obligations under international environmental agreements, and to contribute to a cleaner environment in the region.



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