

Ref.: 2020/OES/166/ENV/89

15 July 2020

Re: Amendment to annex VII to the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

Dear Sir/Madam,

On 13 December 2019, the Parties to the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone (Gothenburg Protocol) as amended on 4 May 2012, present at the thirty-ninth session of the Executive Body, adopted amendments to annex VII to the Protocol. The amendment was adopted by Executive Body decision 2019/23 and communicated to the Parties on 15 July 2020 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as Depositary (C.N.270.2020.TREATIES-XXVII.1h).

In accordance with paragraph 7 of article 13bis of the Protocol, the Executive Secretary hereby informs all Parties to the Protocol of the adoption of the amendment. This amendment shall become effective on the expiry of one year after the date of this communication, i.e. on 15 July 2021, for those Parties which have not submitted to the Depositary a notification in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (a) of paragraph 7 of article 13bis, provided that at least sixteen Parties have not submitted such a notification. As set out in paragraph 7(a) of article 13bis, any Party that is unable to approve an amendment to annex VII shall so notify the Depositary in writing within one year from the date of the communication of its adoption. The Depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification received. A Party may at any time substitute an acceptance for its previous notification and, upon deposit of an instrument of acceptance with the Depositary, the amendment to annex VII shall become effective for that Party.

Yours sincerely,



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To: Parties to the 1999 Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone as amended on 4 May 2012