

OPTIONS FOR REVISING THE GOTHENBURG PROTOCOL

[Draft text for a revised Gothenburg Protocol]

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Article 7 Reporting

7b) Each Party within the geographical scope of EMEP shall report, through the Executive Secretary of the Commission, to EMEP, on a periodic basis to be determined by the Steering Body of EMEP and approved by the Parties at a session of the Executive Body, the following information:

- (i) Levels of emissions of sulphur, nitrogen oxides, ammonia [,] [and - delete] volatile organic compounds [and particulate matter] using, as a minimum, the methodologies and the temporal and spatial resolution [etc.] specified [by the Steering Body of EMEP - delete] [in the Format for reporting emission data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution].**[8]**

[8] The proposed text makes mandatory the use of the Format for reporting emission data under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution. (The Format would be a new name for the Guidelines on Emission Inventories).

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- (ii) Levels of emissions of each substance in the [in the reference year (1990) - delete] [base years as indicated in annex II] using the same methodologies and temporal and spatial resolution;
- (iii) Data on projected emissions and current reduction plans; and
- (iv) Where it deems it appropriate, any exceptional circumstances justifying emissions that are temporarily higher than the ceilings established for it for one or more pollutants;

Action from TFEIP?

- Based on previous TFEIP discussions concerning future reporting under the Gothenburg protocol (at Tallinn) the co-chairs in early April agreed the text of a letter reflecting the earlier TFEIP conclusions with the objective of submitting this as an informal document to WGSR participants.
- This letter highlighted additional aspects that could be taken into consideration by WGSR to strengthen the basis of reporting under the Convention eg the need to formalise provision of accompanying information from Parties to increase inventory and projections transparency (e.g. provide an IIR)
- However significant problem(!)
 - without a formal request from WGSR/EMEP SB there is no method for TFEIP to provide input to the talks concerning the draft GP text. -
 - No such request received to date, so such letters cannot be simply forwarded to WGSR etc
 - TFEIP chairs will follow up with WGSR/EMEP etc