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To: Delegations  
Subject: Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP):  
36th Session of the Executive Body (EB 36)  
(Geneva, 15-16 December 2016)  
- Compilation of statements

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Delegations will find in the Annex, for information purposes, a compilation of agreed statements as delivered at the abovementioned meeting on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

**Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution  
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**- Statements by the EU and its Member States -**

**Agenda item 4: Matters arising from the Eight Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference**

The EU and its Member States welcome that the 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference Environment for Europe report focused on air quality issues as one of two main themes. The Batumi Action for Clean Air is not a legally binding instrument, but will raise awareness and help Parties in implementing the listed items in their countries. The Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution should, within its working area, contribute effectively to facilitating the implementation of the national actions. We therefore believe that the work plan for 2016/2017 and later years can be amended with items for the Outreach activities, in particular for the Secretariat, by specifically referencing to the BATUMI Clean Air Action Programme thus providing more visibility of the programme and by providing additional work elements, such as capacity building in the EECCA region.

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**Agenda item 5: Review of implementation of the 2016–2017 workplan**

**(a) Science**

The EU and its Member States largely endorse the work plan of the CLRTAP. We wish to stress the importance of the work of the TFRN and effect-based activities coordinated by the CCE, which are very important for implementing EU policies (e.g. referred to in the new NEC Directive).

It would be important to follow up on the future of the CCE and to secure its core activities in the long term. The EB should there revisit these item of the work plan at its next session in 2017 when we adopt the work plan 2018 to 2019.

**(b) Policy**

**(i) Effectiveness of the EB Decision 2013/2**

The EU and its Member States are willing to improve the effectiveness of decision 2013/2, if and where appropriate, and we are prepared to consider and discuss any amendments to this decision to that effect. We are willing to participate in a drafting group for such a decision. [see Decision 2016/x Improving the effectiveness on reporting on strategies, policies and other measures to implement obligations under the Convention and its Protocols, which the EU and its Member States supported.]

(c) **Compliance**

**Nineteenth report on the work of the Implementation Committee (ECE/EB.AIR/2016/7)**

The EU and its Member States thank the Implementation Committee and its Chair for their important work. We would like to emphasize that the EU and its Member States take the obligation to report emission data and projections in a correct and timely manner just like the emission reduction obligations very seriously. The new EU Directive on national reduction commitments (aka the new NEC D) will enter into force within a few days and will align the reporting of the EU and its Member States with the requirements of the CLRTAP.

(e) **Communication and outreach**

The EU and its Member States would like to thank the Secretariat for its work regarding to communication activities and appreciate an improvement of the website and the large amount of press releases and articles. New publications are also important, mainly the updated Handbook for the Convention and Emission reporting guidelines. According our view it is necessary and valuable to continue with this work in the future too.

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