

PARCOM Agreement 91-02

Memorandum of Understanding

between the PARIS COMMISSION (hereinafter referred to as PARCOM) of the one part and the UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (hereinafter referred to as ECE) of the other part, for cooperation with regard to atmospheric input of pollutants to the waters of the Paris Convention.

WHEREAS PARCOM, under the provisions of Article 11 of the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources (Paris Convention), and ECE, under the provisions of Article 11 of the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution and its related protocols, exercise functions for the monitoring of airborne pollution in their respective areas of responsibility and hence can mutually benefit from cooperation in this field,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:

1. After consultation with the Steering Body to the Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (hereinafter referred to as EMEP), ECE authorises the international centres of EMEP (the Chemical Co-ordinating Centre, the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre East and the Meteorological Synthesizing Centre West) to enter with respect to transmission and deposition of airborne pollutants to the waters of the Paris Convention into separate agreements with PARCOM concerning cooperation in fields of mutual interest such as measurement data, meteorological data, emission data and modelling.
2. Nothing in the above-mentioned agreements shall affect the duties and responsibilities of the international centres of EMEP under the workplan for implementation of the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution and its related protocols, and under their respective implementing instruments with ECE.
3. The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties hereto, and may be terminated by either Party at any time by giving notice in writing which shall have been received by the opposite Party no less than sixty days prior to termination.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised thereto have on behalf of the Parties signed this Memorandum of Understanding at the place and on the date below written.

For the Paris Commission (PARCOM)

For the United Nations Economic
Commission for Europe (ECE)

Signature:

Name: Claire Nihoul
Title: Secretary
Place: Den Haag
Date: 21 June 1991

Signature:

Name: Gerald Hinteregger
Title: Executive Secretary, ECE
Place: Geneva
Date: 14 February 1991