

CC-10/3: Submission regarding Cabo Verde

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Cabo Verde concerning possible difficulties faced by this party to comply with its reporting obligation under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/2),

Recalling also decisions 8/3 and 9/3,

Noting that Cabo Verde remains in the situation of having never submitted a national report pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention,

Without prejudice to future decisions by the Committee related to this or other specific submissions,

1. Welcomes the designation by Cabo Verde of a competent authority and focal point, pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention;
2. Expresses its concern about the continued lack of transmission of national reports under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
3. Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Cabo Verde with the Committee during its tenth meeting, which assisted the Committee in determining the facts and root causes of the matter of concern;
4. Expresses also its appreciation for the commitment of Cabo Verde to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
5. Concludes that Cabo Verde is facing difficulties in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;
6. Reiterates its commitment to assist Cabo Verde in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
7. Decides to provide Cabo Verde with information about the general guidance on national reporting available under the Convention as a means of providing general assistance in accordance with paragraph 19 of the terms of reference;
8. Welcomes the willingness of Cabo Verde to participate in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means, and to submit to the Secretariat before the eleventh meeting of the Committee its national report for 2012;
9. Recommends that Cabo Verde cooperate with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;
10. Invites Cabo Verde to elaborate, with the assistance of the Secretariat, before 31 March 2014, a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Cabo Verde in identifying the matter of concern as well as ways to resolve it;
11. Decides to consider the approval of the voluntary compliance plan before the eleventh meeting of the Committee and, subject to its approval, to recommend that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed in the compliance action plan approved by the Committee;
12. Requests the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;

13. Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Cabo Verde and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
14. Decides to keep this matter under review.