

## **CC-10/5/Add.1: Submission regarding Guinea-Bissau**

*The Committee,*

*Recalling* decision 10/5,

1. *Welcomes* the participation by Guinea-Bissau in an online training activity on national reporting organized by the Secretariat on 5 February 2014,
2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the cooperation of Guinea-Bissau with the Committee during the supplementary online session of its tenth meeting and for its continued commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
3. *Welcomes* the submission by Guinea-Bissau of a draft voluntary compliance action plan<sup>1</sup> which assisted the Committee in determining the root causes of the matter of concern as well as measures to resolve the matter of concern;
4. *Approves* the elements of the compliance action plan set out in the annex to this decision and *recommends* that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 50,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed therein;
5. Consequently, and in accordance with its obligations under Article 13 of the Convention, *invites* Guinea-Bissau to submit to the Secretariat its national report for 2014 by the end of 2015, and subsequent national reports complete and in time;
6. *Welcomes* the willingness of Guinea-Bissau to submit its national report for 2013 by the end of 2014;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Guinea-Bissau and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
8. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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<sup>1</sup> Annex II to document UNEP/CHW/CC.10/3/Add.11.

## Annex to decision CC-10/5/Add.1

### Voluntary compliance action plan

#### Objective:

- Restore Guinea-Bissau's compliance with its reporting obligations under Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention.

#### Specific objectives:

- Transmit the national reports of Guinea-Bissau for 2014 and subsequent years to the Secretariat in full and on time.

Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementation of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments
<b>Area of intervention 1: Legal, institutional and policy frameworks</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish/ put in place the mandate of the following key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes: Ministry of the environment (National Centre on Wastes and Chemicals), municipalities, Ministry of Territorial Administration, businesses and several NGOs.</li> <li>- Undertake an assessment of the legal and institutional frameworks, including possible gaps to implement the Basel Convention in order to enable compliance with the reporting obligations;</li> <li>- Establish/take the necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/measures to ensure sustainability of Guinea-Bissau's compliance with its national reporting obligations, in particular develop a national legislation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry in charge of the environment with partner institutions</li> </ul>	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The status of the National Centre on Wastes and Chemicals is developed and adopted by the government;</li> <li>- The Centre is established and operational;</li> <li>- A national legislation on wastes management is developed and adopted;</li> <li>- A policy for wastes management is developed.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Area of intervention 2: Development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undertake an assessment of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, and of their outcomes;</li> <li>- Establish a methodology for the inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, through consultations with stakeholders;</li> <li>- Implement the methodology through the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes;</li> <li>- Complete the Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2014.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry in charge of the environment with partner institutions</li> </ul>	2014-2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The inventory report is endorsed;</li> <li>- The Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2014 and subsequent reports are completed and transmitted to the Secretariat.</li> </ul>	
<b>Area of intervention 3: Awareness-raising, training and information exchange</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct awareness-raising and training activities on the Basel Convention (focus on the development of inventories)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry in charge of the environment with partner institutions</li> </ul>	2014 and subsequent years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity reports.</li> </ul>	