

CC-10/5: Submission regarding Guinea-Bissau

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Guinea-Bissau 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/2010/4),

Recalling also decisions 8/5 and 9/5,

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

1. Welcomes the designation by Guinea-Bissau of a competent authority, pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention;
2. Welcomes also the submission by Guinea-Bissau of the Revised Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) - National Reports for 2010 and 2011¹;
3. Notes that Guinea-Bissau has provided incomplete responses to parts I and II of the questionnaires for 2010 and 2011;
4. Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Guinea-Bissau with the Committee during its tenth meeting, which assisted the Committee in determining the facts and root causes of the matter of concern;
5. Expresses also its appreciation for the commitment of Guinea-Bissau to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
6. Welcomes the willingness of Guinea-Bissau 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;
7. Recommends that Guinea-Bissau cooperate with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;
8. Invites Guinea-Bissau to elaborate, with the assistance of the Secretariat, before 31 March 2014, a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Guinea-Bissau in identifying the matter of concern as well as ways to resolve it;
9. 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;
10. Requests the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention regional centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;
11. Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Guinea-Bissau and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
12. Decides to keep this matter under review.

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.10/3/Add.5, annexes II and III.