

CC-11/1: Submission regarding Afghanistan

The Committee,

Welcoming the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Afghanistan concerning possible difficulties faced by this Party to comply with its obligations under article 5 of the Convention pertaining to the designation of a focal point and one or more competent authorities (CHW/CC/9c/2014/3),

Noting that the matter was not resolved within three months by consultation by the Secretariat with Afghanistan,

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

1. *Concludes* that Afghanistan is facing difficulties in complying with its obligations under article 5 of the Convention pertaining to the designation of a focal point and one or more competent authorities and expresses its concern about this situation;

2. *Regrets* the lack of participation of Afghanistan during the eleventh meeting of the Committee and *invites* Afghanistan to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat;

3. *Declares* its commitment to assist Afghanistan in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its obligations under article 5 of the Convention;

4. *Decides* to request the Secretariat to provide Afghanistan with information about the role of a focal point and of a competent authority as a means of providing general assistance in accordance with paragraph 19 of the terms of reference;

5. *Invites* Afghanistan to designate before 31 December 2014 a focal point and one or more competent authorities and to transmit to the Secretariat, by that same deadline, the completed revised form for notification of designation of contact(s);

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centres in the Asia region, such as in Tehran, Jakarta and Beijing;

7. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Afghanistan and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

8. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.