

## **CC-14/16: Submission regarding Syrian Arab Republic**

*The Committee,*

*Welcoming* the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Syrian Arab Republic 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/2019/14),

*Noting* that the matter was not resolved within three months by consultation by the Secretariat with Syrian Arab Republic,

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

1. *Regrets* the lack of participation of Syrian Arab Republic during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Invites* Syrian Arab Republic to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat, with a view to enabling the Committee to determine the facts and root causes of the matter of concern and, assist in its resolution;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Syrian Arab Republic, to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Arab States and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;

4. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Syrian Arab Republic and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

5. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/14 under review.

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<sup>1</sup> Online, 21-25 September 2020.