

### **Decision 8/5: Guinea Bissau**

The Committee,

Welcoming 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 article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/4),

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

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

(a) Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Guinea Bissau with the Committee during its eighth session, which assisted the Committee in determining the facts and root causes of the matter of concern;

(b) Concludes that Guinea Bissau is facing difficulties in complying with its reporting obligations under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;

(c) Declares its commitment to assist Guinea Bissau in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention;

(d) Decides to provide Guinea Bissau 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;

(e) Welcomes the willingness of Guinea Bissau to submit to the Secretariat before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties part I of the Revised Questionnaire on "Transmission of Information" (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) - National Report for 2009;

(f) Decides to elaborate, in cooperation with Guinea Bissau and with the assistance of the Secretariat, before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Guinea Bissau in resolving the matter of concern;

(g) Requests the Secretariat to prepare a first draft for a voluntary compliance action plan by 15 June 2011 for the Committee's approval and subsequent coordination with Guinea Bissau;

(h) Welcomes the effort by the Secretariat to invite Guinea Bissau to a forthcoming workshop on national reporting;

(i) Decides to keep this matter under review;

(j) Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with Guinea Bissau and to report to the Committee as appropriate.