

## CC-9/2: Submission regarding Bhutan

*The Committee,*

*Recalling* the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Bhutan concerning possible difficulties faced by this party to comply with its reporting obligation under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/1),

*Recalling* also decision 8/2,

*Welcoming* the efforts by the Secretariat to communicate with, provide support to and invite Bhutan to a national inventories and national reporting training workshop organized in cooperation with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for South East Asia in Indonesia (24–26 April 2011) and welcoming the participation of Bhutan in the workshop,

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

1. *Welcomes* the submission by Bhutan of part I of its national report for the year 2009;
2. *Notes* that Bhutan is yet to submit its national report for the years 2010 and 2011, and appreciates the willingness of Bhutan to submit to the Secretariat before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties part I of its national report for 2010, 2011 and, before 31 December 2013, part I of its national report for 2012;
3. *Welcomes* the submission by Bhutan of elements 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. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Bhutan with the Committee during its ninth meeting, which assisted the Committee in further considering the submission concerning Bhutan;
5. *Expresses* its appreciation to Bhutan for its commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
6. *Approves* for funding the following elements of the compliance action plan and decides that resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 50,000 may be used for the purpose of covering costs associated with:
  - (a) Training on the development of inventories;
  - (b) The establishment of the methodology for the inventory (including systems and databases);
  - (c) The development of an inventory;
7. Consequently, and in accordance with its obligations under Article 13 of the Convention, *invites* Bhutan to submit to the Secretariat its national report for 2013 by the end of 2014, and subsequent national reports complete and in time;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with Bhutan and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
9. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/CC.9/3/Add.2.