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Subject: Submission by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention regarding Turkmenistan (CHW/CC/9c/2015/1)

Mr. Chair, Members of the Committee,

I am writing with reference to paragraph 9 (c) of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention whereby the Secretariat may make a submission to the Committee administering the Mechanism “if, while acting pursuant to its functions under Articles 13 and 16, it becomes aware of possible difficulties of any Party in complying with its obligations under paragraph 1 of Article 3, paragraph 1 of Article 4, Article 5 and paragraphs 2 and 3 Article 13 of the Convention, provided that the matter has not been resolved within three months by consultation with the Party concerned”.

With this letter, the Secretariat respectfully makes a submission to the Committee, on the basis of the aforementioned paragraph 9 (c), with respect to Turkmenistan. As a Party to the Basel Convention since 1996, Turkmenistan is among the Parties to the Convention that have not designated a one or more competent authorities as required under Article 5 of the Basel Convention.

On 15 January 2014, the Secretariat initiated consultations with Turkmenistan, through its designated Focal Point, an effort to identify whether this Party was facing difficulties in complying with its obligation to designate one or more competent authorities as required under the Convention and to possibly resolve the matter by 15 April 2014. The letter is attached herewith for your convenience. Bilateral discussions subsequently took place in the course of 2014, electronically and face-to-face, with the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

Members of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention

The Secretariat has yet to receive information on the designation by Turkmenistan of one or more competent authorities. This matter therefore remains unresolved. The Secretariat trusts that Turkmenistan may be facing possible difficulties in complying with its obligation under Article 5 of the Convention to designate one or more competent authorities.

The Secretariat thanks the Committee for its consideration of this submission and remains at the disposal of the Committee for further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Payet', written over a horizontal line.

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