CC-12/5: Submission regarding Eritrea

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Eritrea 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/2010/3),

Recalling also decisions CC-8/4, CC-9/4, CC-10/4 and CC-11/5,

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

- 1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Eritrea with the Committee during the twelfth meeting of the Committee which assisted the Committee in determining the root causes of the matter of concern as well as measures to resolve the matter of concern;
- 2. Welcomes the transmission by Eritrea of the Revised Questionnaire on "Transmission of Information" (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) National Report for 2012, 2013 and 2014;⁴
- 3. *Notes* with appreciation that Eritrea has provided answers to all questions and tables of part I of the questionnaire and to tables 6 (export), 7 (import), 9 (incident) and 10 (accident) of part II of the questionnaire for 2014;
- 4. *Notes* also that Eritrea has provided an incomplete response to table 8A (generation) of part II of the questionnaire and that Eritrea has reported that it does not have adequate legislation to implement the Basel Convention;
- 5. *Welcomes* the willingness of Eritrea to participate in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means and to submit its national report for 2015 by the end of 2016:
- 6. Welcomes also the transmission by Eritrea of a draft compliance action plan to assist in resolving the matter of concern regarding reporting obligations under Article 13 of the Basel Convention;⁵
- 7. Recalls decision BC-12/7 whereby the Conference of the Parties authorizes the Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the use of the implementation fund in the intersessional period between the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties to assist Parties in the context of the facilitation procedure set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the terms of reference, to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans approved by the Committee;
- 8. *Approves* the elements of the compliance action plan set out in the annex to the present decision and *recommends* that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 60,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed therein;
- 9. Consequently, and in accordance with its obligations under Article 13 of the Convention, *invites* Eritrea to submit to the Secretariat its national report for 2016 and subsequent national reports complete and on time;
- 10. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Eritrea and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
- 11. Decides to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2010/3 under review.

⁴ UNEP/CHW/CC.12/INF/5.

⁵ UNEP/CHW/CC.12/2/Add.5, annex II.

Annex to decision CC-12/5: Submission regarding Eritrea

Voluntary Compliance Action Plan

Objective:

• Restore Eritrea's compliance with its reporting obligations under Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention.

Specific objectives:

• Transmit the national reports of Eritrea for 2016 and subsequent years to the Secretariat in full and on time.

Objectives	Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementati on of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments		
	Area of intervention 1: Legal, institutional and policy frameworks						
Restore Eritrea's compliance with its reporting obligations under Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention. Specific objective: Transmit the national reports of Eritrea for 2016 and subsequent years to the Secretariat in full and on time.	 Identify key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes; Undertake an assessment of the legal and institutional frameworks including possible gaps to implement the Basel Convention in order to enable compliance with the reporting obligations; Develop regulatory instruments including Policy, Law guidelinesetc Establish/take the necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/measures to ensure sustainability of compliance with national reporting obligations, including development of legislation implementing the Basel 	Project Coordination Project Coordination Project Coordination Project Coordination	12-24 months (From June 2016)	- Key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes identified; - Assessment report on the legal and institutional frameworks available; - Necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/ measures established/taken, including the development and adoption of legislation implementing the Basel Convention.			

	Convention.							
	- Undertake regular Monitoring and Evaluation	Project Coordination						
	Area of intervention 2: Development of a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes							
	- Undertake an assessment of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, and of their outcomes;	Project coordination	September 2016– September 2017	 Assessment report on the steps already taken to develop an inventory available; Methodology for the inventory 				
	- Establish a methodology for the inventory, through consultations with stakeholders;	Project coordination	2017	developed; - An inventory, using the methodology developed, is carried out; - The Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2016 and subsequent				
	- Implementation of the methodology through the development of a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	Project coordination						
	- Complete the Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2016 and subsequent years.	Project coordination		years are completed and transmitted to the Secretariat.				
	Area of intervention 3: Awareness-raising, training and information exchange							
	- Conduct awareness-raising and training activities on the Basel Convention, with a focus on development of legislation and the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	Project coordination	12 months	- Awareness-raising and training activities on the Basel Convention are conducted, with a focus on the development of legislation and the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	With the involvement of Stakeholders			