

CC-13/3: Submission by Central African Republic

The Committee,

Noting that paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Convention requires each Party to take appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement and enforce the provisions of the Basel Convention, including measures to prevent and punish conduct in contravention of the Convention,

Noting also that paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention requires each Party to introduce appropriate national/domestic legislation to prevent and punish illegal traffic,

Welcoming the submission by Central African Republic to the Committee in which it concludes that, despite its best efforts, it is unable to fully implement or comply with its obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9a/2017/1),¹

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Central African Republic with the Committee during the thirteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Central African Republic of a draft compliance action plan to assist in resolving its implementation and compliance difficulties with its obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Basel Convention;²
3. *Recalls* decision BC-13/9 whereby the Conference of the Parties decided that the Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the allocation of the available resources from the implementation fund during the period between the thirteenth and fourteenth 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 of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Convention, and that the resources are intended to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans presented by Parties in relation to specific submissions and approved by the Committee;
4. *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 20,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed therein;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;
6. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Central African Republic and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
7. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9a/2017/1 under review.

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.13/2/Add.3.

² *Idem.*

Annex to decision CC-13/3: Submission by Central African Republic**Voluntary compliance action plan****Objective:**

- Restore Central African Republic's compliance with its obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Basel Convention.

Specific objectives:

- Take the appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement and enforce the provisions of the Basel Convention, including measures to prevent and punish conduct in contravention of the Convention as well as develop appropriate national/domestic legislation to prevent and punish illegal traffic

Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementation of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments
Area of intervention 1: Legal and administrative measures				
Organize a national endorsement meeting with key stakeholders to review and validate the draft law implementing the Basel Convention which had been developed during Central African Republic's first compliance action plan;	Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, Water, Forest; Hunting and Fishing	6 months	The draft law implementing the Basel Convention is reviewed by key stakeholders, in a view of incorporating their inputs in the final draft law	Activity 1 listed in the 22 February 2018 letter setting out supplementary information on the submission of the Central African Republic ⁷
Organize a national workshop with the members of the steering committee to review the amendments suggested during the national endorsement meeting so as to finalize the draft law	Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, Water, Forest; Hunting and Fishing	1 month	The law implementing the Basel Convention is finalized for submission to relevant entities for adoption	Activity 2 listed in the 22 February 2018 letter setting out supplementary information on the submission of the Central African Republic ⁸

⁷ UNEP/CHW/CC.13/INF/4.

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Assist the work of key experts from ministries and non-governmental organizations as well as commissioners of the commission of official texts in their review of the draft law implementing the Basel Convention	Ministries of Environment, other relevant ministries, Commission of official text, non-governmental organizations	3 months	The law implementing the Basel Convention is adopted and published in the official journal	Activities 3 and 4 listed in the 22 February 2018 letter setting out supplementary information on the submission of the Central African Republic ⁹
Area of intervention 2: Awareness-raising, training and information exchange				
Conduct awareness-raising and training activities on the national legal, administrative and other mechanisms/measures adopted to implement and enforce the provisions of the Basel Convention Convention.	Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development, Water, Forest; Hunting and Fishing	6 months	Awareness and training activities on the national legal, administrative and other mechanisms/measures adopted to implement and enforce the provisions of the Basel Convention.	

⁹ UNEP/CHW/CC.13/INF/4.

