

CC-13/6: Submission regarding Liberia

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Liberia 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/2010/5),

Noting that the expert working group on environmentally sound management has selected for funding a draft pilot project proposal by Liberia entitled “Conducting inventory, awareness raising and training to enhance, promote and establish ESM in e-waste management”¹³ and that the activities of the project have been initiated;

Recalling also decisions CC- 8/6, CC-9/6, CC-10/6, CC-11/7 and CC-12/7,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Liberia with the Committee during the thirteenth meeting of the Committee and for its commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention, including through the implementation of its approved compliance action plan with the support of resources from the implementation fund;
2. *Notes* with concern that Liberia remains in the situation of having never submitted a national report pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
3. *Welcomes* the signature on 12 September 2017 by Liberia and the Secretariat of an agreement pertaining to the implementation of the compliance action plan of Liberia with the support of resources from the implementation fund, and *takes note* of the subsequent signature, on 28 July 2018, of an amendment thereto;
4. *Welcomes* the initiation of the activities of Liberia’s of its approved compliance action plan;
5. *Reminds* Liberia of its commitment, as provided in the agreement mentioned in paragraph 3 of the present decision, and *urges* Liberia to transmit:
 - (a) By 15 October 2018 its national report for 2016;
 - (b) By 15 October 2018 the assessment of legal/institutional framework, the assessment of steps already taken to develop an inventory, the report of the national inception meeting; the draft methodology for the development of inventories of hazardous wastes and other wastes;
 - (c) By 31 December 2018 its national report for 2017 as well as the report of the awareness-raising and training workshop and the inventory report;
 - (d) By 31 August 2019 the report of the evaluation meeting for all stakeholders during which the methodology and the draft legal/institutional measures with a view to ensuring the sustainability of Liberia’s compliance with its national reporting obligations would be discussed and finalized; the final methodology for the development of inventories of hazardous wastes and other wastes; and the final draft legal/institutional measures with a view to ensuring the sustainability of Liberia’s compliance with its national reporting obligations, thereby completing the activities of its approved compliance action plan;
 - (e) Its national reports for 2018 and subsequent years complete and on time;
6. *Welcomes also* the willingness of Liberia to build strong linkages between the activities of its project “Conducting inventory, awareness raising and training to enhance, promote

¹³ UNEP/CHW/CLI_EWG.4/INF/7.

and establish ESM in e-waste management”¹⁴ and the activities of its compliance action plan so as to make best use of resources;

7. *Decides* to consider the submission regarding Liberia prior to its fourteenth meeting and *notes* that it may consider whether to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting that it issue a cautionary statement;

8. *Requests* also the Secretariat to transmit this decision to the Expert Working Group on Environmentally Sound Management and *invites* that group to ensure that the activities of its work programme pertaining to Liberia are supportive of the work of the Committee;

9. *Requests* further the Secretariat to transmit this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking countries in Africa;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Liberia and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

11. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2010/5 under review.

¹⁴ *Idem.*