

## CC-13/9: Submission by Togo

*The Committee,*

*Recalling* the submission by Togo 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/2016/1),

*Recalling* also decision CC-12/11,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Togo 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 aimed at restoring compliance with its obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention;

2. *Welcomes* the signature on 19 January 2017 by Togo and the Secretariat of an agreement pertaining to the implementation of the compliance action plan of Togo with the support of resources from the implementation fund;

3. *Welcomes* the progress achieved by Togo in implementing the elements of its approved compliance action plan<sup>17</sup> and the willingness of Togo to transmit by 15 October 2018 the copy of the newly adopted decree law, thereby completing the activities of its approved compliance action plan;

4. *Decides* to consider the submission by Togo prior to its fourteenth meeting;

5. *Welcomes* the additional efforts of Togo to improve its implementation of the Basel Convention and the submission of an application in the context of the third round of applications to the United Nations Environment Programme special programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management;

6. *Welcomes* the willingness of Togo to ensure that its application supports, without duplicating, the implementation of its compliance action plan and *encourages* Togo to consider including in its revised application activities and deliverables that enhance its sustainable institutional capacity to implement the Basel Convention;

7. *Invites* the Executive Board of the United Nations Environment Programme special programme to take this decision into account in any deliberations pertaining to the application of Togo;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;

9. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Togo and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

10. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9a/2016/1 under review.

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<sup>17</sup> UNEP/CHW/CC.13/INF/9/Rev.1.