

CC-15/2: Submission by Togo

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by Togo to the Committee concerning its difficulties to 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 decisions CC-14/3, CC-14/3/Add.1, CC-14/3/Add.2 and CC-14/3/Add.3,

Recalling also decisions BC-14/15 and BC-15/17 pursuant to which resources from the implementation fund, whose allocation is recommended by the Committee to the Executive Secretary to assist Parties with undertaking activities listed in their compliance action plans as approved by the Committee, may be made available by the Secretariat to those Parties, and *noting* that such resources are subject to their continued availability,

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 its fifteenth meeting;
2. *Regrets* the lack of transmission by Togo by 30 September 2022 of the copy of the newly adopted decree law thereby completing the activities of its approved compliance action plan;
3. *Takes note* that the need to align the provisions of the Framework Law on the Environment and the draft decree law as well as the need for awareness and engagement by relevant ministries and the National Assembly have impeded progress by Togo in completing the activities of its compliance action plan;
4. *Welcomes* the willingness of Togo to complete by 30 September 2023 the activities of its approved compliance action plan, namely by transmitting to the Committee the copy of the newly adopted decree law implementing the Basel Convention;
5. *Decides* that it may consider at its sixteenth meeting whether to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting that it issue a cautionary statement;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Togo, by transmitting this decision to Togo, to the Minister of Environment and Forest Resources, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and Togolese Abroad, the General Secretariat of the Government, and the President of the National Assembly, and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
7. *Requests* also the Secretariat to transmit this decision and to liaise as necessary with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for French-speaking countries in Africa and with the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
8. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9a/2016/1 under review.