

CC-9/8: Submission regarding Swaziland

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Swaziland 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/2010/8),

Recalling also decision 8/9,

Welcoming the efforts by the Secretariat to establish communication with and invite Swaziland to attend a national reporting training workshop organized in cooperation with the Africa Institute in Pretoria, South Africa (24–27 May 2011), and noting that no response was received by the Secretariat,

Regretting that Swaziland has not answered the invitation from the Committee to communicate with it,

Noting that Swaziland remains in the situation of having never submitted a national report pursuant to paragraph 3 of article 13 of the Convention,

Noting also that Swaziland has not yet designated a focal point or a competent authority pursuant to article 5 of the Convention,

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

1. *Reiterates* its commitment to assist Swaziland in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;

2. *Expresses* its concern about the continued lack of transmission of national reports as well as the lack of designation of a focal point and competent authority, and expresses its conviction that this failure may contribute to the matter of concern;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to send a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Swaziland reminding this party of its reporting obligations under Article 13, as well as its obligation under Article 5 of the Convention to designate a focal point and a competent authority, and to explore other ways to ensure communication with Swaziland using inter alia the Commissioner of the African Union, the relevant Basel Convention Regional Centre and the relevant meetings of Convention bodies served by the Secretariat;

4. *Invites* Swaziland to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat, before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on the difficulties it is facing with regards to the transmission of its national reports;

5. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.