**Questionnaire on difficulties faced by Parties**

**in fulfilling their reporting obligation under the Basel Convention**

This questionnaire aims at identifying difficulties faced by Parties relating to the obligation to transmit their national report on an annual basis (Article 13). It is made available to Parties that have not submitted any report since 2009. The Secretariat would like to understand the difficulties being faced by these Parties and how these may be addressed.

Please fill and return the questionnaire to: [juliette.kohler@brsmeas.org](mailto:juliette.kohler@brsmeas.org)

**Please provide the following general information:**

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|  | **Annual reporting obligation**  *In accordance with Article 13, paragraph 3, of the Convention (transmission of information), Parties shall transmit, through the Secretariat, to the Conference of the Parties, before the end of each calendar year, a report on the previous calendar year on various issues related to the implementation of the Basel Convention.*  *The reporting format is attached for your convenience.*  *As for 2016, Parties will use the revised reporting format adopted by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/INF/16/Rev.1 available at:*  [*http://basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP12/tabid/4248/mctl/*](http://basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP12/tabid/4248/mctl/)  *ViewDetails/EventModID/8051/EventID/542/xmid/13027/Default.aspx* |  |
| 2.1 | Please indicate the main reasons why your country has not reported since 2009 (please tick no more than three boxes):  Lack of clarity about terminology used in the reporting format and /or the Convention X Lack of availability of data and information due to:  lack of inventory  inadequate legal and institutional framework (eg. lack of legal basis to  collect data)  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  X Difficulties in coordinating collection of data and information from various sources  X Limited number of staff in the entity responsible for coordinating collection of data and information and completing the reporting format.  X Insufficient training for existing personnel to collect data and information and complete the reporting format  Lack of information technology (computers, access to e-mail and internet, software)  Other difficulties. Please specify:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 2.2 | What do you think would remedy the difficulties identified in Question 2.1 above?  X Develop of inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes and establishment of appropriate databases  Review/adjustment or development of legal and institutional framework  Establishment of coordinating mechanisms (e.g. an interagency committee) to facilitate exchange of information and collection of data  X Additional staff to collect data/information and to complete the reporting  format  X Training of existing staff to collect data/information and to complete reporting  format  X Provision of information technology (computers, access to e-mail and internet, software)  X Additional financial resources  X Further prioritization of the annual reporting obligation as a national policy  Other. Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 2.3 | What steps is your country willing to take to be in a position to submit its national reports? X Use existing resources at the national level to submit the reports Seek legal and technical information from the Secretariat staff Make a submission to the Committee as your country has concluded that, despite its best efforts, it is or will be unable to fully implement or comply with its obligations under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention X Submit a request for technical assistance to the SecretariatX Seek support from a Basel Convention regional Centre Seek best practices from other Parties Submit a project proposal to the UNEP special programme on institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Seek support through other bilateral / multilateral funding sources /mechanisms Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 2.4 | Will you submit at least one national report before December 2017? X Yes No |  |
| 2.5 | Are there any other comments related to the annual reporting obligation that you would like to make to the Secretariat?  No comments |  |

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