

BASEL CONVENTION





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Geneva, 9 October 2023

Mr Chair, Members of the Committee,

Re: Submission by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention regarding Grenada (CHW/CC/9c/2023/1)

I am writing with reference to paragraph 9 (c) of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention whereby the Secretariat may make a submission to the Committee administering the Mechanism "if, while acting pursuant to its functions under Articles 13 and 16, it becomes aware of possible difficulties of any Party in complying with its obligations under Article 5 and paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, provided that the matter has not been resolved within three months by consultation with the Party concerned".

With this letter, the Secretariat respectfully makes a submission to the Committee, on the basis of the aforementioned paragraph 9 (c), with respect to Grenada. As a Party to the Basel Convention since 13 January 2022, Grenada has yet to designate a Focal Point and one or more competent authorities as required under Article 5 of the Basel Convention.

On 15 February 2023, the Secretariat initiated consultations with Grenada, through the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, in an effort to identify whether this Party was facing difficulties in complying with its obligation to designate a Focal Point and one or more competent authorities as required under the Convention and to possibly resolve the matter. The Note Verbale is attached herewith for your convenience.

Members of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention The Secretariat has not received a response from Grenada with respect to this matter which, as a consequence and more than three months since it was initiated, remains unresolved. The Secretariat trusts that Grenada may be facing possible difficulties in complying with its obligation under Article 5 of the Convention to designate a Focal Point and one or more competent authorities. Pursuant to paragraph 13 of the terms of reference of the Committee, the present submission would be for consideration during the sixteenth meeting of the Committee (Geneva, 23-24 June and 29 June-2 July 2024). Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the terms of reference of the Committee, Grenada would be invited to participate in the consideration of the submission by the Committee.

The Secretariat thanks the Committee for its consideration of this submission and remains at the disposal of the Committee for further information.

Yours sincerely,

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