

**Comments from Colombia**  
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**Committee's guidance on improving national reporting (UNEP/CHW.13/INF/59):**

- The document identifies the main problems faced by Parties in the submission of national reports and provides guidance on how to overcome such difficulties by recalling guides and other documents that may be useful for the conduct of inventories, the establishment of procedures and controls with customs offices. It also presents recommendations related to the identification of other stakeholders and the establishment of support groups and other measures that aim to facilitate the collection and consolidation of data for National Reports.
- It is therefore considered that the document provides a very good practical guide for the technical personal of the Government responsible for collecting the information and preparing the annual national report for the Basel Convention.
- Colombia has had no major difficulties in preparing the national report, but notes that the document provides practical tools and tools to improve the reporting process. For example, Part II provides interesting information and suggestions to involve other entities and actors from the public and private sector, not only at the national level but also at the local level, in the preparation of the national report.
- It is important to note that this document should be used as a supplementary guidance document to the National Reporting Manual.

Observation / Specific request:

- In the Revised Format for the presentation of the National Report, included in Annex I of Document INF / 59, the title of Table 6 is unclear. It could be specified which optional information is referenced in the following (current) text:

*Table 6: Total amount of generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes in the years indicated.*

*(Article 4.2(a), 13.3(i) and Decision BC-10/2 on the Strategic Framework) (Optional)*