



(6) Request for comments on the draft format for national reporting

Decision: OEWG-9/6: National reporting

Background:

At its ninth meeting, the OEWG welcomed the work undertaken by the SIWG on national reporting⁹ and took note of the revised draft format for national reporting¹⁰.

The Working Group requested the SIWG to prepare a further revised format for national reporting, taking into account the discussions at its ninth meeting and further comments received from parties, for consideration by the COP12.

Requests:

Parties are invited to submit comments on the draft format for national reporting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/15) and the revised draft format for national reporting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/15/Rev.1) to the Secretariat by 31 October 2014.

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Argentina comments:

Argentina nominate delegate to participate in the SIWG after the OEWG-9.

During the Plenary OEWG-9 the country expressed the need to adapt the proposed national report to allow Competent Authorities and Focal Points of the Basel Convention know which elements that are required to complete arise as a result of the responsibilities of Parties under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of "Transmission of Information" of the Basel Convention, and which are not.

Through the years and the decisions of the Conference of the Parties, new items and information have been added to the national report that not arise from paragraph 3 of Article 13. In this regard, Implementation and Compliance Committee is evaluating the performance of the parties with respect to the report if submitted with all required information, not considering if such information is required in the context of paragraph 3 of Article 13. Furthermore some additional information required is hardly difficult to compile as the national hazardous waste generation which is not required to report under paragraph 3 of Article 13. Not reporting these requirements that are not legally binding should not imply that the country does not fulfill its duty of submitting national report. This excess of information required and other corresponding to communicate in the context of other procedures and provisions of the Convention, such as the national definition of waste, bans, illegal traffic cases, is the main cause of the extremely low percentage of Parties that fulfill in a timely manner with the presentation of the national report.

That is why Argentina together with the Secretariat of the Convention and the President of SIWG under the mandate of the OEWG-9 proposed to highlight with an asterisk in the national report those items that are mandatory to complete under paragraph 3 of Article 13 including an explanation for the other information that it is not.

⁹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/15

¹⁰ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/15/Rev.1



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More changes were asked to include in the text and the annexes and tables for better understanding that ended in the Conference Paper Room presented in Plenary last day for adoption.