
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Ref. 2.5.1 JVK

Geneva, 12 November 2010

Madam 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 Liberia (CHW/CC/9c/2010/5)

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 reporting obligations under Article 13, paragraph 3, 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 Liberia. As a Party to the Basel Convention since 2004, Liberia is among the Parties to the Convention that have never submitted a national report, as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention. On 7 September 2009, the Secretariat initiated consultations with Liberia in an effort to identify whether Liberia was facing difficulties in

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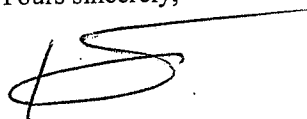
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complying with its reporting obligations under the Convention and to possibly resolve the matter by 7 December 2009. Attached to the letter sent to Liberia was a Questionnaire aimed at providing Liberia with the opportunity to communicate to the Secretariat the nature of the possible difficulties faced by this Party as well as its views on how best these difficulties might be addressed. Both documents, sent by postal mail, are attached to this letter.

The Secretariat has not received a response from Liberia with respect to this matter that, as a consequence, remains unresolved. The Secretariat trusts that Liberia may be facing possible difficulties in complying with its reporting obligations under Article 13 paragraph 13 of the Convention.

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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