

CC-10/1: Submission by Oman

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by Oman to the Committee in which Oman concludes that, despite its best efforts, it is unable to fully implement or comply with its obligations under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9a/2009/1),

Recalling also decisions 8/1 and 9/1,

Recalling further decision BC-11/8 whereby the Conference of the Parties authorizes the Committee to make recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the use of the implementation fund in the intersessional period between the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Conference of the Parties in the context of the facilitation procedure set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the terms of reference, to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans approved by the Committee;

Without prejudice to future decisions by the Committee related to this or other specific submissions,

1. Welcomes the submission by Oman of part I of the Revised Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) - National Report for 2011¹;
2. Notes with appreciation that Oman has provided answers to all questions and tables of part I of the questionnaire for 2011;
3. Welcomes also the updated designations by Oman of its competent authority and focal point, pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention;
4. Welcomes further the submission by Oman of elements of a voluntary compliance action plan² which assisted the Committee in determining the root causes of the matter of concern as well as measures to resolve the matter of concern;
5. Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Oman with the Committee during its tenth meeting and for its commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
6. Welcomes the willingness of Oman to participate in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means as well as the workshop on national reporting organized by the Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Arab States in Egypt in December 2013, and to submit to the Secretariat before the eleventh meeting of the Committee its national report for 2012;
7. Recommends that Oman cooperate with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for the Arab States in Egypt;
8. Approves, without prejudice to further measures the Committee may decide in the future, the following activities of the compliance action plan of Oman:
 - (a) Identification of the key stakeholders whose involvement is required for restoring compliance with the national reporting obligation;
 - (b) Assessment of Oman’s legal framework, including possible gaps to fully implement the Basel Convention;
 - (c) Identification of steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous and other wastes and of their outcome, and preliminary assessment of gaps towards the development of a sustainable inventory for the purpose of national reporting;

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.10/3/Add.1, annex II.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.10/3/Add.1, annex III.

(d) Additional elements proposed by Oman such as a mission by a Committee member and the Secretariat to Oman with a view to securing the support of the necessary governmental authorities towards restoring compliance with the national reporting obligation;

9. Recommends that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 20,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed in paragraph 8 of the present decision;

10. Requests the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Arab-speaking countries in Egypt;

11. Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Oman and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

12. Decides to keep this matter under review.