

CC-10/8: Submission regarding Swaziland

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Swaziland concerning possible difficulties faced by this party to comply with its reporting obligation under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/8),

Recalling also decisions 8/9 and 9/8,

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

1. Welcomes the designation by Swaziland of its competent authority and focal point, pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention;
2. Welcomes also the submission by Swaziland of part I of the Revised Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) - National Reports for 2011¹;
3. Notes with appreciation that Swaziland has provided answers to all questions and tables of part I of the questionnaire for 2011;
4. Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Swaziland with the Committee during its tenth meeting, which assisted the Committee in determining the facts and root causes of the matter of concern;
5. Expresses also its appreciation for the commitment of Swaziland to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
6. Concludes that Swaziland, despite facing difficulties, is making progress towards complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
7. Reiterates its commitment to assist Swaziland in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
8. Decides to provide Swaziland with information about the general guidance on national reporting available under the Convention as a means of providing general assistance in accordance with paragraph 19 of the terms of reference;
9. Welcomes also the willingness of Swaziland to participate in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means, and submit to the Secretariat before the eleventh meeting of the Committee its national report for 2012;
10. Recommends that Swaziland cooperate with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking African countries in South Africa;
11. Invites Swaziland to elaborate, with the assistance of the Secretariat, before 31 March 2014, a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Swaziland in identifying the matter of concern as well as ways to resolve it;
12. Decides to consider the approval of the voluntary compliance plan before the eleventh meeting of the Committee and, subject to its approval, to recommend that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed in the compliance action plan approved by the Committee;

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.10/3/Add.8, annex II.

13. Requests the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking African countries in South Africa;
14. Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Swaziland and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
15. Decides to keep this matter under review.