

CC-11/3: Submission by Central African Republic

The Committee,

Welcoming the submission by Central African Republic to the Committee in which it concludes that, despite its best efforts, it is unable to fully implement and comply with its obligations under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9a/2014/1),

Recalling 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 to assist 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. *Expresses* its appreciation to Central African Republic for its submission to the Committee, and for its cooperation during the eleventh meeting of the Committee, that illustrates its commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention;
2. *Acknowledges* that Central African Republic is unable to comply with its reporting obligations under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;
3. *Declares* its commitment to assist Central African Republic in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations;
4. *Welcomes* the participation by Central African Republic in two workshops on national reporting organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Basel Convention Regional Centre for English-speaking countries in Africa and the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa in May 2011 and July 2014, respectively;
5. *Welcomes* the willingness of Central African Republic to continue participating in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means;
6. *Welcomes also* the willingness of Central African Republic to submit its national report for 2013 by the end of 2014;
7. *Welcomes further* the transmission by Central African Republic of terms of reference for the preparation of the Basel Convention report¹ which assisted the Committee in determining the root causes of the matter of concern as well as measures to resolve the matter of concern;
8. *Approves* the elements of the compliance action plan set out in the annex to this decision and *recommends* that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 50,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed therein;
9. Consequently, and in accordance with its obligations under Article 13 of the Convention, *invites* Central African Republic to submit to the Secretariat its national report for 2014 by the end of 2015, and subsequent national reports complete and in time;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa;
11. *Requests also* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Central African Republic and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
12. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.11/3/Add.3, annex I.

Annex to Decision CC-11/3

Voluntary Compliance Action Plan

Objective:

- Restore Central African Republic's compliance with its reporting obligations under Article 13, paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention.

Specific objectives:

- Transmit the national reports of the Central African Republic for 2014 and subsequent years to the Secretariat in full and on time.

Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementation of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments
Area of intervention 1: Legal, institutional and policy frameworks				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes; - Undertake an assessment of the legal and institutional frameworks including possible gaps to implement the Basel Convention in order to enable compliance with the reporting obligations; - Establish/take the necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/measures to ensure sustainability of compliance with national reporting obligations. 	Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Sustainable Development	24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes identified; - Assessment report on the legal and institutional frameworks available; - Necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/measures established/taken. 	
Area of intervention 2: Development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake an assessment of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, and of their outcomes; - Establish a methodology for the inventory, through consultations with stakeholders; - Implementation of the methodology through the development of an 	Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Sustainable Development	24 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment report on the steps already taken to develop an inventory available; - Methodology for the inventory developed; - An inventory, using the 	

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inventory; - Complete the Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2014 and subsequent years.			methodology developed, is carried out. - The Basel Convention questionnaire for national reporting for 2014 and subsequent years are completed and transmitted to the Secretariat.	
Area of intervention 3: Awareness-raising, training and information exchange				
- Conduct awareness-raising and training activities on the Basel Convention (with a focus on development of inventories and/or ESM of hazardous wastes and other wastes)	Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Sustainable Development	12 months	- Awareness raising and training activities on the Basel Convention (with a focus on development of inventories and/or ESM of hazardous wastes and other wastes) are conducted.	