

CC-13/1: Submission regarding Bhutan

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Bhutan concerning possible difficulties faced by this Party to comply with its reporting obligation under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/1),

Recalling also decisions CC-8/2, CC-9/2, CC-10/2, CC-11/2, CC-12/2 and CC-12/2/Add.1,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Bhutan with the Committee during the thirteenth meeting of the Committee and for its renewed commitment to ensure the implementation of its obligations under the Basel Convention, including through the implementation of its approved compliance action plan with the support of resources from the implementation fund;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Bhutan of its national report for 2015¹ and *notes with appreciation* that this report is deemed complete;
3. *Regrets* the lack of completion of the activities of its approved compliance action plan by 31 December 2016² as well as the lack of transmission of its national report for 2016;
4. *Takes note* of the signature, by Bhutan and the Secretariat on 28 April 2017 and subsequently on 29 April 2018 of a second and third amendment to the 20 June, 2014 agreement entered with the Secretariat pertaining to the implementation of the compliance action plan of Bhutan;
5. *Welcomes* the progress achieved by Bhutan in implementing the elements of its approved compliance action plan and the willingness of Bhutan to transmit:
 - (a) By 30 September 2018 a complete national report for 2016;
 - (b) By 30 September 2018 its inventory report for 2015;
 - (c) By 15 October 2018 the report of the evaluation meeting for all stakeholders during which the methodology and the legal, institutional and technical mechanisms/elements would be discussed and finalized; the final methodology for the development of inventories of hazardous wastes and other wastes; and the final draft list of legal, institutional and technical mechanisms/elements to ensure the sustainability of Bhutan's compliance with its reporting obligations, thereby completing the activities of its approved compliance action plan;
 - (d) By 31 December 2018 a complete national report for 2017;
 - (e) Its national reports for 2018 and subsequent years complete and on time;
6. *Reminds* Bhutan of its commitment, as provided in the agreement mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present decision, to transfer to the international consultant retained to support Bhutan with the implementation of the activities of the compliance action plan the outstanding per diem related to his mission to Bhutan, and *urges* Bhutan to resolve this issue as a matter of priority;
7. *Decides* to consider the submission regarding Bhutan prior to its fourteenth meeting and *notes* that it may consider whether to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting that it issue a cautionary statement;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Bhutan and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.13/INF/2.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.13/2/Add.1.

9. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2010/1 under review.