

CC-13/5: Submission regarding Guinea-Bissau

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Guinea-Bissau 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/2010/4),

Recalling also decisions CC-8/5, CC-9/5, CC-10/5, CC-10/5/Add.1, CC-11/6, CC-12/6, CC-12/6/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 Guinea-Bissau with the Committee during the thirteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Guinea-Bissau of its national reports for 2015 and 2016¹¹ and *notes with appreciation* that both reports are deemed complete;
3. *Welcomes also* the completion by Guinea-Bissau of the activities of its approved compliance action plan;¹²
4. *Welcomes* the willingness of Guinea Bissau to transmit its national reports for 2017 and subsequent years complete and on time;
5. *Notes* also that Guinea Bissau has initiated steps to further strengthen its national legal framework for the integrated implementation of the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
6. *Concludes* that the matter of concern as set out in the submission CHW/CC/9c/2010/4 has been resolved;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for French-speaking countries in Africa.

¹¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.13/INF/6.

¹² *Idem.*