

CC-14/17/Add.1: Submission regarding Niger

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Niger 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/2019/11),

Recalling also decision CC-14/17,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Niger with the Committee during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;¹
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Niger on 22 October 2021 of its national report for 2019;²
3. *Notes* with appreciation that the report is deemed complete;
4. *Notes* however that Niger considers it may be unable to fully implement or comply with its obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
5. *Approves* the elements of the compliance action plan set out in the annex to the present decision and *recommends* that the Executive Secretary use, subject to their availability, resources in the implementation fund of up to USD 60,000 for the purpose of covering costs associated with the implementation of the activities listed therein;
6. *Reiterates* its encouragement to Niger to ensure that its national authorities engaged in the sustainable development cooperation framework processes are informed of its difficulties in complying with its reporting obligation under the Convention with a view to ensuring that its needs, as communicated to the Committee, are integrated therein;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Niger, to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for French-speaking countries in Africa and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
8. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Niger and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
9. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/11 under review.

¹ Online, 15-18 November 2021.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.14/2/Add.13/Rev.1*. The report is available at: www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2019Reports/tabid/8645/Default.aspx.

Annex to decision CC-14/17/Add.1: Submission regarding Niger

**Voluntary compliance action plan of Niger
to assist in resolving the matter of concern regarding the national reporting obligations
under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Basel Convention**

Objective:

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

Specific objectives:

- Transmit the national reports of Niger for 2021 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				
- Identify key stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-March 2022	- The list of the main stakeholders involved in the management of hazardous and other wastes is available;	The implementation of these activities will depend on the availability of financial resources.
- 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 obligation;	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-June 2022	- Report of the assessment of the legal and institutional frameworks including possible gaps available, based on the checklist for the Legislator	
- Establish/take the necessary legal and institutional mechanisms/measures to ensure sustainability of compliance with the national reporting obligation, including development and adoption of legal frameworks implementing the Basel Convention.	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-December 2022	-A text establishing legal and institutional mechanisms/measures necessary to ensure sustainability of reporting obligation is available and adopted by the competent	

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			authorities. The text will be in line with the conclusions drawn from the Checklist for the Legislator and based on the guide on the development of national legal frameworks for the implementation of the Basel Convention.	
Area of intervention 2: Development of a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes				
- Undertake an assessment of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, and of their outcomes;	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-March 2022	-The report of the evaluation of the steps already taken to develop a national inventory of hazardous and other wastes is available.	The implementation of these activities will depend on the availability of financial resources.
- Establish a methodology for the inventory, through consultations with stakeholders;	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-March 2022	- The methodological note is available.	
- Implementation of the methodology through the development of a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- March- September 2022	- The inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes is conducted;	
- Complete and transmit the Basel Convention national reports for 2021 and subsequent years.	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- October-December 2022	- National reports of the Basel Convention for 2021 and	

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			subsequent years transmitted;	
Area of intervention 3: Awareness-raising, training and information exchange				
- Conduct awareness-raising and training activities on the Basel Convention, with a focus on the legal, institutional and policy frameworks and the development/updating of the inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	- Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Desertification	- January-June 2023	- Reports of awareness-raising, training and information sharing activities on the Basel Convention are available.	The implementation of these activities will depend on the availability of financial resources.