

CC-14/17: Submission regarding Niger

The Committee,

Welcoming 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),

Noting that the matter was not resolved within three months by consultation by the Secretariat with Niger,

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. *Notes* that Niger, a Party to the Convention since 1998, has not transmitted a national report since 2004, as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention;

3. *Acknowledges* that Niger is unable to comply with its reporting obligation under the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;

4. *Welcomes* the willingness of Niger to transmit its national report for 2019 by the end of 2020 and its national report for 2020 by the end of 2021;

5. *Declares* its commitment to assist Niger in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligation;

6. *Welcomes* the willingness of Niger to elaborate and transmit to the Secretariat by 30 June 2021 a voluntary compliance action plan to assist in resolving the matter of concern;

7. *Welcomes* also the steps taken by 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;

8. *Welcomes* further the willingness of Niger to consider submitting a project proposal to the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention, and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, as a way to improve its implementation of the Basel Convention;

9. *Welcomes* also the efforts by Niger to communicate with the Secretariat and to participate in training activities on national reporting in advance of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for French-speaking countries in Africa and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;

11. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Niger and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

12. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/11 under review.

¹ Online, 21-25 September 2020.