

CC-14/19/Add.1: Submission regarding Cook Islands

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Cook Islands 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/2019/4),

Recalling also decision CC-14/19,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Cook Islands during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;¹
2. *Notes* that Cook Islands remains in the situation of not having transmitted a national report as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention;
3. *Acknowledges* that Cook Islands is unable to comply with its reporting obligation under the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;
4. *Declares* its commitment to assist Cook Islands in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligation;
5. *Welcomes* the willingness of Cook Islands to consider elaborating and transmitting to the Secretariat a voluntary compliance action plan to assist in resolving the matter of concern;
6. *Welcomes* also the willingness of Cook Islands 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;
7. *Encourages* Cook Islands 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* the efforts by Cook Islands to communicate with the Secretariat and to participate in training activities on national reporting in advance of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee;
9. *Welcomes* also the willingness of Cook Islands to transmit its national report for 2020 by the end of 2021;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Cook Islands, to the Pacific Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Joint Implementation of the Basel and Waigani Conventions in the South Pacific region and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
11. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Cook Islands and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
12. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/4 under review.

¹ Online, 15-18 November 2021.