

CC-14/19: Submission regarding Cook Islands

The Committee,

Welcoming 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),

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

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

1. *Regrets* the lack of participation of Cook Islands during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;¹
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Cook Islands on 2 August 2017 of information on the difficulties faced in fulfilling its reporting obligation under the Convention;²
3. *Notes* that Cook Islands, a Party to the Convention since 2004, has yet to transmit a national report, as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention;
4. *Invites* Cook Islands to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat, with a view to enabling the Committee to determine the facts and root causes of the matter of concern and, assist in its resolution;
5. *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;
6. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Cook Islands and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
7. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/4 under review.

¹ Online, 21-25 September 2020.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.14/INF/10.