

CC-14/6: Submission regarding Equatorial Guinea

Welcoming the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Equatorial Guinea 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/2019/6),

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

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Equatorial Guinea with the Committee during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;

2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Equatorial Guinea of information on its implementation and compliance difficulties with its reporting obligation under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention¹ and of a draft compliance action plan to assist in resolving such difficulties;²

3. *Recalls* decision BC-14/15 whereby the Conference of the Parties decided that the Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the allocation of the available resources from the implementation fund during the period between the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties to assist Parties in the context of the facilitation procedure set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Convention, and that the resources are intended to fund activities listed in the compliance action plans presented by Parties in relation to specific submissions and approved by the Committee;

4. *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;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for the African region in Nigeria, as well as to the United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Country Team;

6. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Equatorial Guinea and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

7. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/6 under review.

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.14/INF/6.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.14/2/Add.8.

Annex to decision CC-14/6: Submission regarding Equatorial Guinea

Voluntary compliance action plan

Objective:

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

Specific objectives:

- Transmit the national reports of Equatorial Guinea for 2020 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 and transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	Direccion General Conservacion M.Ambiente (DGCMA)	Septiembre-2020 Diciembre-2021	List of key stakeholders available (National F. Point, Competent authority, governmental institution, customs, police, port and other judicial authorities.	It will allow to exchange on the administrative and capacity needs of the key stakeholders.
- 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;	DGCMA	IDEM	An assessment report of the legal and institutional frameworks is available, including possible gaps linked to the lack of programs and activities with other stakeholders.	It will contribute to improving the application of national and institutional legislation for the implementation of the Convention.
- 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.	DGCMA	IDEM	National legislation is developed under the action plan and adopted for waste management and control transboundary movement in compliance with obligations of the Convention.	To ensure environmental sustainability and compliance with the obligations of Art.13, paragraph 3.
Area of intervention 2: Development of a national inventory waste and other wastes				
- Undertake an assessment of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes, and of their outcome.	DGCMA	IDEM	An assessment report of the steps already taken to develop an inventory of hazardous wastes and other waste is available.	It will include information on strategies, plans and programs undertaken to develop a national inventory.
- Establish a methodology for the inventory, through consultations with stakeholders;	DGCMA	IDEM	Support provided for the training of a methodology for conducting the national inventory.	After consulting various stakeholders, the reduction of waste generation is established.

Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementation of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments
Collection of data through a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes established.	DGCMA	IDEM	Established table / plan of the national inventory on the generation and elimination of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	To prepare estimates of waste generated, reused, recycled, recovered and disposed expressed in percentages.
- Complete and transmit the Basel Convention national reports for 2020 and subsequent years.	DGCMA	IDEM	Prepared Reports for 2020 and subsequent years transmitted to the Secretariat of the Basel convention.	In order to provide information and qualitative data on export-import waste.
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.	DGCMA	IDEM	Awareness-raising activities conducted.	Contribute to raise awareness on activities undertaken on the legal/institutional framework developed in the affected sectors.