

CC-14/7: Submission regarding Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Welcoming the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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/2019/12),

Noting that the matter was not resolved within three months by consultation by the Secretariat with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the Committee during the fourteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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 Regional Centre for the Caribbean Region 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 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
7. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/12 under review.

¹ UNEP/CHW/CC.14/INF/8.

² UNEP/CHW/CC.14/2/Add.14.

Annex to decision CC-14/7: Submission regarding Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Voluntary compliance action plan

Objective:

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

Specific objectives:

- Transmit the national reports of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 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 transboundary movements and management of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	Sustainable Development Unit (SDU), Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology	(1 month)	List of key stakeholders identified.	
- 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;	Sustainable Development Unit Legal Affairs Legal Affairs	(2 months)	Submission of Cabinet Memo requesting legislative drafting of a Chemical Management Bill. Assessment report on the legal and institutional frameworks available.	Technical and financial assistance needed to undertake an assessment of the legal framework assessment was done under a POPs project, completed in 2018. However, a specific gap analysis of the Basel Convention was not done. This draft model Act can be submitted to Legal

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				Affairs to start the process towards developing a comprehensive legislation framework for all chemicals.
- 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.	SDU Legal Affairs Cabinet of Ministers Solid Waste Management Unit Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Health Ministry of Education Industry and Commerce	3-4 months	Legal and institutional mechanisms for national reporting under the Basel Convention are developed and adopted.	With the requisite technical and financial assistance, an institutional mechanism can be developed for submission to Cabinet.
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;	SDU	1 month	Commencement of an assessment of actions needed for the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes.	No steps taken. An assessment of POPs was completed in 2019 but no action on hazardous wastes and other waste.
- Establish a methodology for the inventory, through consultations with stakeholders;	SDU	2 months, Contingent on section one above.	Methodology developed for the collection data.	

Actions	Responsible authority	Indicative timeline for implementation of the actions	Indicator of achievement	Comments
- Implementation of the methodology through the development of a national inventory of hazardous wastes and other wastes;	SDU and the above-mentioned stakeholders	3 months, Contingent on the above.		
- Complete and transmit the Basel Convention national reports for 2020 and subsequent years, taking into account the outcomes of the inventory.	SDU	December 2021	Complete and submit 2020 national report	
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.	SDU	(4 months)	At least one awareness raising activity and training activity conducted.	Contingent on the development and adoption of the legal and institutional mechanisms for national reporting under the Basel Convention.

