

CC-15/1: Submission by Central African Republic

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by Central African Republic to the Committee concerning its difficulties to implement or comply with its obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9a/2017/1),

Recalling also decisions BC-14/15 and BC-15/17 pursuant to which resources from the implementation fund, whose allocation is recommended by the Committee to the Executive Secretary to assist Parties with undertaking activities listed in their compliance action plans as approved by the Committee, may be made available by the Secretariat to those Parties, and *noting* that such resources are subject to their continued availability,

Recalling further decision CC-13/3, CC-14/10 and CC-14/10/Add.1,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Central African Republic with the Committee during the fifteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Regrets* the lack of completion by Central African Republic of the activities of its approved compliance action plan by 30 April 2022 and, accordingly, the lack of transmission of:
 - (a) The copy of the Basel Convention implementing legislation adopted;
 - (b) The reports of four sectoral awareness-raising, training and information exchange meetings.
3. *Takes note* that national coordination challenges and lack of engagement by relevant ministries have impeded progress by Central African Republic in completing the activities of its compliance action plan;
4. *Welcomes* the willingness of Central African Republic to complete by 30 September 2023 the activities of its approved compliance action plan, namely by transmitting:
 - (a) The copy of the Basel Convention implementing legislation adopted;
 - (b) The reports of four sectoral awareness-raising, training and information exchange meetings.
5. *Decides* that it may consider at its sixteenth meeting whether to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting that it issue a cautionary statement;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Central African Republic, to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for French-speaking countries in Africa and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
7. *Requests* also the Secretariat to transmit this decision to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Minister in Charge of the General Secretariat of the Government and of Relations between the Institutions of the Republic;
8. *Requests* further the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Central African Republic, to liaise as necessary with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
9. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9a/2017/1 under review.