

CC-15/5: Submission regarding Mauritania

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Mauritania 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/2019/8),

Recalling also decisions CC-14/14 and CC-14/14/Add.1,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the commitment of Mauritania and for its cooperation with the Committee during the fifteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Notes* that Mauritania, a Party since 1996, remains in the situation of not having transmitted a national report since 2001 as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention;
3. *Acknowledges* that Mauritania is unable to comply with its reporting obligation under the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;
4. *Declares* its commitment to assist Mauritania in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligation;
5. *Encourages* Mauritania to participate in training activities on national reporting in advance of the sixteenth meeting of the Committee;
6. *Welcomes and encourages* the efforts of Mauritania to adopt legislation implementing the Basel Convention;
7. *Welcomes* the willingness of Mauritania to transmit to the Secretariat its national report for 2021 by the end of 2022, and its national report for 2022 by the end of 2023;
8. *Welcomes* also the willingness of Mauritania to elaborate and transmit to the Secretariat by 15 February 2023 a voluntary compliance action plan to assist in resolving the matter of concern;
9. *Encourages* Mauritania 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;
10. *Encourages* Mauritania 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;
11. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Mauritania, to the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for French-speaking countries in Africa and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
12. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Mauritania and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
13. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/8 under review.