

## CC-15/8: Submission regarding Nauru

*The Committee,*

*Recalling* the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Nauru 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/2019/10),

*Recalling* also decisions CC-14/15 and CC-14/15/Add.1,

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

1. *Regrets* the lack of participation of Nauru during the fifteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Nauru in advance of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee of information on progress achieved and challenges met with the implementation of its project under 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, and the confirmation by Nauru that the project is expected to resolve its difficulties in transmitting national reports complete and on time ;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Notes* that Nauru, a Party since 2002, remains in the situation of not having transmitted a national report since 2005 as required under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Basel Convention;
4. *Regrets* the lack of participation by Nauru in the Secretariat's regional training on strengthening the capacities of Pacific Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in legal and institutional frameworks, enforcement, preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (17-19 October 2022) and *encourages* Nauru to participate in training activities on national reporting in advance of the sixteenth meeting of the Committee;
5. *Encourages* Nauru 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;
6. *Decides* to consider at its sixteenth meeting, in accordance with paragraph 20 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance with the Basel Convention, whether it is necessary to consider, in the light of paragraphs 1 and 2 of the terms of reference, to pursue further measures to address the compliance difficulties of Nauru;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Nauru, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, 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, 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, and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;
8. *Requests* also the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Nauru and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
9. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission CHW/CC/9c/2019/10 under review.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/CC.15/INF/4.