

CC-16/10: Submission regarding Cook Islands

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Cook Islands 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/2019/4),

Recalling also decisions CC-14/19, CC-14/19/Add.1 and CC-15/7,

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

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the cooperation of Cook Islands during the sixteenth meeting of the Committee;
2. *Welcomes* the transmission by Cook Islands of its national reports for 2021¹ and 2022²;
3. *Notes* with appreciation that both reports are deemed complete³;
4. *Welcomes also* the willingness of Cook Islands to transmit its national reports for 2023 and subsequent years complete and on time;
5. *Notes* that Cook Islands has yet to adopt national legislation implementing the Basel Convention and *invites* Cook Islands to consider making a submission to the Committee or otherwise seeking support to address this issue;
6. *Concludes* that the matter of concern as set out in the submission has been resolved;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to Cook Islands, 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 United Nations Resident Coordinator, and the United Nations Country Team.

¹ See <https://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2021Reports/tabid/9379/Default.aspx>.

² See <https://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2022Reports/tabid/9704/Default.aspx>.

³ See document UNEP/CHW/CC.16/3/Add.2 for the national report for 2021.