

Decision 8/2: Bhutan

The Committee,

Welcoming the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Bhutan concerning possible difficulties faced by this Party to comply with its reporting obligation under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/1),

Noting that the matter was not resolved within three months by consultation by the Secretariat with Bhutan,

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

(a) Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Bhutan with the Committee during its eighth session, which assisted the Committee in determining the facts and root causes of the matter of concern;

(b) Concludes that Bhutan is facing difficulties in complying with its reporting obligations under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention, and expresses its concern about this situation;

(c) Declares its commitment to assist Bhutan in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention;

(d) Decides to provide Bhutan with information about the general guidance on national reporting available under the Convention as a means of providing general assistance in accordance with paragraph 19 of the terms of reference;

(e) Welcomes the willingness of Bhutan to submit to the Secretariat before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties part I of the Revised Questionnaire on "Transmission of Information" (in accordance with Articles 13 & 16 of the Basel Convention) - National Report for 2009;

(f) Decides to elaborate, in cooperation with Bhutan and with the assistance of the Secretariat, before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Bhutan in resolving the matter of concern;

(g) Requests the Secretariat to prepare a first draft for a voluntary compliance action plan by 15 June 2011 for the Committee's approval and subsequent coordination with Bhutan;

(h) Requests the Secretariat to make every effort to invite Bhutan to a forthcoming workshop on national reporting;

(i) Decides to keep this matter under review;

(j) Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with Bhutan and to report to the Committee as appropriate.