

## **CC-9/4: Submission regarding Eritrea**

*The Committee,*

*Recalling* the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Eritrea 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/2010/3),

*Recalling* also decision 8/4,

*Recalling* further that Eritrea attended the eighth meeting of the Committee at what time it expressed its willingness to submit before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties part I of its national report for 2009 and at what time the Committee decided to elaborate, with Eritrea, a voluntary compliance action plan,

*Welcoming* the efforts by the Secretariat to communicate with, provide support to and invite Eritrea to attend a national reporting training workshop organized in cooperation with the Africa Institute in Pretoria, South Africa (24–27 May 2011), and noting that Eritrea was not in a position to attend the workshop,

*Welcoming* the initial communication established with Eritrea in 2011,

*Noting* that Eritrea remains in the situation of having never submitted a national report pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention,

*Noting* also that Eritrea has not yet designated a focal point or a competent authority pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention,

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

1. *Reiterates* its commitment to assist Eritrea in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;

2. *Expresses* its concern about the continued lack of transmission of national reports by Eritrea as well as the lack of designation of a focal point and competent authority and expresses its conviction that this failure may contribute to the matter of concern;

3. *Regrets* the lack of cooperation by Eritrea towards the elaboration of a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Eritrea in resolving the matter of concern and reiterates its recommendation that Eritrea elaborate such a compliance action plan before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

4. *Invites* Eritrea to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat, before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the difficulties it is facing with regards to the transmission of its national reports;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to send a letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea reminding this party of its reporting obligations under Article 13, as well as its obligation under Article 5 to designate a focal point and a competent authority, and to explore other ways to ensure communication with Eritrea using inter alia the Commissioner of the African Union, the relevant Basel Convention Regional Centre and the relevant meetings of Convention bodies served by the Secretariat, and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

6. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.