

CC-9/5: Submission regarding Guinea-Bissau

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Guinea-Bissau concerning possible difficulties faced by this party to comply with its reporting obligation under Article 13 paragraph 3 of the Convention (CHW/CC/9c/2010/4),

Recalling also decision 8/5,

Recalling further that Guinea-Bissau 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 Guinea-Bissau, a voluntary compliance action plan,

Welcoming the efforts by the Secretariat to communicate with, provide support to and invite Guinea-Bissau to attend a national reporting training workshop organized in cooperation with the Africa Institute in Pretoria, South Africa (24–27 May 2011), and welcoming the participation of Guinea-Bissau in the workshop,

Noting that Guinea-Bissau has not yet designated 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 Guinea-Bissau in addressing the difficulties that it experiences in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
2. *Welcomes* the submission by Guinea-Bissau of part I of its national report for 2009 but notes that Guinea-Bissau is yet to submit its national report for the years 2010 and 2011;
3. *Regrets* the lack of cooperation by Guinea-Bissau towards the elaboration of a voluntary compliance action plan to assist Guinea-Bissau in resolving the matter of concern and reiterates its recommendation that Guinea-Bissau elaborate such a compliance action plan before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. *Also regrets* the lack of designation of a competent authority and expresses its conviction that this failure may contribute to the matter of concern;
5. *Invites* Guinea-Bissau 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;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to send a letter to the focal point reminding this party of its reporting obligations under Article 13, as well as its obligation under Article 5 to designate a competent authority, and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
7. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.