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Mr Chair, Members of the Committee,

Re: Submission by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention regarding Sao Tome and Principe (CHW/CC/9c/2019/16)

I am writing with reference to paragraph 9 (c) of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention whereby the Secretariat may make a submission to the Committee administering the Mechanism “if, while acting pursuant to its functions under Articles 13 and 16, it becomes aware of possible difficulties of any Party in complying with its obligations under paragraph 1 of Article 3, paragraph 1(a) of Article 4, Article 5 and paragraphs 2 and 3 Article 13 of the Convention, provided that the matter has not been resolved within three months by consultation with the Party concerned”.

With this letter, the Secretariat respectfully makes a submission to the Committee, on the basis of the aforementioned paragraph 9 (c), with respect to Sao Tome and Principe. As a Party to the Basel Convention since 2014, Sao Tome and Principe is among the Parties to the Convention that have not designated one or more competent authorities as required under Article 5 of the Basel Convention.

On 22 October 2018, the Secretariat initiated consultations with Sao Tome and Principe, through its focal point, in an effort to identify whether this Party was facing difficulties in complying with its obligation to designate one or more competent authorities as required under the Convention and to possibly resolve the matter by 22 January 2019. The letter is attached herewith for your convenience.

The Secretariat has not received a response from Sao Tome and Principe with respect to this matter which, as a consequence, remains unresolved. The Secretariat trusts that Sao Tome and Principe may be facing possible difficulties in complying with its obligation under Article 5 of the Convention to designate one or more competent authorities.

The Secretariat thanks the Committee for its consideration of this submission and remains at the disposal of the Committee for further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Members of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention

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