CC-10/6: Submission regarding Liberia

The Committee,

Recalling the submission by the Secretariat to the Committee regarding Liberia 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/2010/5),

Recalling also decisions 8/6 and 9/6,

Regretting that Liberia has not answered the invitation from the Committee to communicate with it,

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

Noting also that Liberia 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. Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of Liberia with the Committee during its tenth meeting;
- 2. Expresses its concern about the continued lack of transmission of national reports as well as the lack of designation of a competent authority and expresses its conviction that this failure may contribute to the matter of concern;
- 3. Welcomes the willingness of Liberia to designate as a matter of priority a competent authority pursuant to Article 5 of the Convention;
- 4. Concludes that Liberia is facing difficulties in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
- 5. Reiterates its commitment to assist Liberia in addressing the difficulties that it is experiencing in complying with its reporting obligations under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention;
- 6. Decides to provide Liberia 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;
- 7. Welcomes also the willingness of Liberia to participate in training activities on national reporting, including by electronic means, and to submit to the Secretariat before the eleventh meeting of the Committee its national report for 2012;
- 8. Recommends that Liberia cooperate with a Basel Convention regional centres in the African region;
- 9. Invites Liberia, as matter of priority and before the eleventh meeting of the Committee to communicate with the Committee, through the Secretariat, and to elaborate a compliance action plan to assist Liberia in identifying the matter of concern as well as ways to resolve it;
- 10. Notes that the Committee will consider at its eleventh meeting whether to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it issue a cautionary statement;
- 11. Requests the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Basel Convention regional centres in the African region;

- 12. Requests the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Liberia and to report to the Committee as appropriate;
 - 13. Decides to keep this matter under review.