

Decision CC-1/1: Specific submissions regarding Party implementation and compliance

Part I: Action taken by the Committee

The Compliance Committee,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to contact by means of a letter on behalf of the Committee the five Parties that have not designated any national authorities pursuant to Article 4(a) of the Convention, communicating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including through the Permanent Representations of those Parties to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome and the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and New York.

2. *Also requests* the Secretariat to develop a draft template to facilitate submissions by Parties pursuant to paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention, to be considered at the second meeting of the Committee.

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to organize awareness raising activities aimed at improving understanding amongst Parties of the Committee, its objectives and mandate, including in conjunction with any technical assistance activity, as appropriate.

4. *Agrees* to include in its draft programme of work for 2024–2025 that it be entrusted to:

(a) Accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding Party compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention;

(b) Explore lessons from implementation and compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements that could inform the initiation of the work of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Convention.

Part II: Recommendations to the Conference of the Parties

5. The Compliance Committee also agreed to recommend that the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting consider adopting a decision whereby it would:

(a) Take note that 24 Parties have transmitted to the Secretariat the texts of national legislation or other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention, in spite of decisions RC-7/1 and RC-10/4 encouraging Parties to do so, and that the number of Parties transmitting such texts to the Secretariat may be indicative of a systemic issue of general compliance with the various obligations under the Convention to adopt and implement appropriate legislative or administrative measures.

(b) Request Parties to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation or other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention, specifically those texts related to Articles 5(1), 5(2) and 10 of the Convention.