

Tenth meeting of the Waigani Convention

Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and the Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region (Waigani Convention)

Apia, Samoa
30 August 2019

AGENDA ITEM 7.3: Proposal for a mechanism to promote compliance with and implementation of the Convention

Purpose

1. To report to the Meeting on work undertaken at the request of COP 9 towards the establishment of a Compliance Committee.

Background

2. At the ninth Meeting of the COP of the Waigani Convention, it was proposed that a committee be established to administer a mechanism for promoting implementation and compliance with the Convention.
3. The Secretariat was directed to provide further information to the tenth Meeting of the COP for consideration by Parties.
4. Since its adoption in 1995 and its entry in force in 2001, the Waigani Convention has been managed and administered through the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee and the meetings of the COP.
5. It has been proposed that a separate formal mechanism for promoting compliance with and facilitating implementation of the Convention would be appropriate. Such a mechanism would allow for consistent and focused oversight of the implementation of the Convention. Additionally, the existence of a mechanism would incentivise Parties to fully implement and comply with the Convention, while providing a forum for knowledge sharing between Parties.

Structure

6. It is proposed that the mechanism be implemented through the establishment of a Compliance Committee in accordance with Article 13, paragraph 3(f) of the Convention and Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure.
7. The Committee would meet immediately prior to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Waigani Convention. It would be composed of one representative from each Party with a Chair elected by the Conference of the Parties.

Terms of Reference for the Committee

8. **Draft** Terms of Reference and procedural requirements for the operation of the Compliance Committee are **attached** to this paper as Attachment I. The draft is based on the Terms of Reference for the Compliance Committee under the Basel Convention.

Recommendation

9. The Parties are invited to:
 1. **consider** and **approve** the draft TOR for the Compliance Committee (refer Attachment 1).