

Decision CC-2/1: Submission regarding Barbados

The Committee,

Recalling paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention and decision CC-1/1 of the Committee,

Recalling also the 20 February 2023 notification to Barbados regarding the possible difficulties by this Party in fulfilling its obligation to designate a national authority pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Convention (RC/CC/13/2023/1),

Noting that the matter of concern was not resolved within 90 days by consultation through the Secretariat with the Party concerned,

Regretting the lack of engagement to date by Barbados with the Committee,

Also regretting the lack of participation of Barbados at its second meeting,

Without prejudice to future decisions by the Committee related to this or other specific submissions,

1. *Encourages* Barbados to designate its national authority pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Convention or to communicate with the Committee through the Secretariat, with a view to enabling the Committee to determine the facts and root causes of the matter of concern, and to assist in its resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate this decision to the Subregional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Barbados, the Caribbean Sub-Regional Office of the United Nations Environment Programme and to the United Nations Resident Coordinator;

3. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue its communications with and support to Barbados and to report to the Committee as appropriate;

4. *Decides* to keep the matter relevant to the submission regarding Barbados under review.