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2 May 2013

Aida Iskoyan
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Dear Ms. Iskoyan,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the Republic of Armenia with provisions of the Convention in relation to the standing of NGOs in environmental matters (Ref. ACCC/C/2011/62)

Please find enclosed the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding communication ACCC/C/2011/62. The Committee completed its work on the draft findings in closed session at its fortieth meeting (Geneva, 25-28 March 2013).

The draft findings are now sent both to the Party concerned and the communicants for comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. You are invited to reply with your comments by **30 May 2013**. In finalizing the findings at its forty-first session (25-28 June 2013), the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft by the set deadline.

Due to the fact that the next session of the Meeting of the Parties will take place in one year (fifth session of the Meeting of the Parties in June/July 2014), the Committee is making its recommendations directly to the Meeting of the Parties. Nonetheless, the Committee considers that it is important for the Party concerned to indicate its agreement to the Committee making the recommendations, and would encourage you to do so and take the recommended action as soon as possible, before the Meeting of the Parties in 2014. If you do not agree with the above, please indicate this clearly in your comments. If not, the Committee will assume that you agree and will report your agreement to the Meeting of the Parties.

Should you have any questions with regard to the procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

Aphrodite Smagadi
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Hrayr Savzyan, Executive Director, Ecoera

Enc Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2011/62