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Decision IV/9a of the Meeting of the Parties

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Dear Mrs. Iskoyan,

Re: Draft report of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee on the implementation of decision IV/9a of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by Armenia

At its forty-third meeting (Geneva, 17-20 December 2013), the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee reviewed the progress made by Armenia with regard to the implementation of decision IV/9a of the Meeting of the Parties concerning compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention. Taking into account the information received, the Committee prepared its draft report to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session on the implementation of that decision, completing its draft report after the meeting using its electronic decision-making procedure.

The Committee's draft report is now being forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments. You are requested to provide your comments as soon as possible, but not later than 24 March 2014. In your response, please indicate whether you agree with the Committee's recommendations. The draft report will also be forwarded to the communicants in ACCC/C/2004/8 and ACCC/C/2009/43 for their possible comments by the same date. Taking into account the comments received by the set date, the Committee will finalize and adopt its report and submit it to the Meeting of the Parties at its fifth session.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (aarhus.compliance@unece.org) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely.

Fiona Marshall

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

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