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Dear Ms. Kostanyan

Dear Mr. Hochtanyan

**Re: Decision IV/9a of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention**

At its forty-first meeting (Geneva, 25-28 June 2013), the Committee briefly discussed the follow-up by Armenia with the above-referenced decision.

The Committee noted that on 31 May 2013, Armenia had submitted the English translation of the draft Law of the Republic of Armenia on Environmental Impact Assessment and Expert Examination. The Committee observed that the draft Law seemed to address the issues raised in paragraph 4 (a) to (d) of the decision but agreed to review the situation in detail at its forty-second meeting (Geneva, 24-27 September 2013). At that meeting, the Committee will also consider its recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties (fifth session, Maastricht, the Netherlands, 30 June – 2 July 2014).

You are invited to comment on the draft law and the measures taken by Armenia to follow up with the above-referenced decision no later than **1 September 2013**.

Depending on the information received, the Committee will decide whether it is necessary to discuss the matter on **Thursday, 26 September 2013** with representatives of the Party concerned and interested observers (communicants of ACCC/C/2004/8 and ACCC/C/2009/43) in person or by tele-/videoconference.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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