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Dear Ms. Ayvazyan,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Armenia with provisions of the Convention in connection with the issuance and renewal of licences for the exploitation of the Teghut deposit of copper and molybdenum (Ref. ACCC/C/2009/43)

On behalf of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee, I would like to thank the participants in the discussion of the above referenced communication at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Compliance Committee (Geneva, 16-19 March 2010).

The advance unedited copy of the report of the meeting, including information concerning the discussion on the communication at issue (see paragraphs 34-36 of the report), is accessible at the following link <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/ccMeetings.htm>.

You may recall that during the discussion of the communication, the Committee requested the parties to submit some additional information. Specifically, the Committee would appreciate if you could provide it with an English or Russian translation of the application that you submitted to the Administrative Court and which was later rejected by the Court decision of 9 July 2009. Please submit the requested information as soon as possible but in any case no later than 15 May 2010.

The Compliance Committee hopes to be able to complete the preparation of its draft findings with regard to the communication at its twenty-eighth meeting (Geneva, 15-18 June 2010), after which the draft findings will be circulated for comment to the parties concerned.

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

Yours sincerely,



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