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Ms. Aida Iskoyan
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Dear Ms. Iskoyan,

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

Please find enclosed the draft findings of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee regarding communication ACCC/C/2009/43. The Committee completed its work on the preparation of the draft findings in closed session at its twenty-ninth meeting (21-24 September 2010).

The draft findings are now sent both to the Party concerned and the communicant for comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7. You are invited to reply with your comments by **8 November 2010**. In finalizing the findings, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft by the set deadline.

The Committee has prepared the draft findings on the assumption that your Government agrees with the Committee making recommendations in accordance with paragraphs 36 (b) and 37 (b) of the annex to decision I/7. If this is not the case, please indicate it in your reply. The Committee considers that the making of recommendations directly to the Party concerned during the intersessional period, coupled with timely action by the Party to implement such recommendations, would enable the matter to be resolved in the most expeditious way, allowing the Committee's report to the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to concentrate more on progress achieved than on outstanding problems.

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

Yours sincerely,


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Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc Draft findings on communication ACCC/C/2009/43