

25 February 2019

Ms. Ruzanna Voskanyan, Acting Director Environmental Impact Expertise Center Ministry of Nature Protection Armenia

Dear Ms. Voskanyan,

Re: Decision VI/8a concerning compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

Please find **enclosed** the Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8a concerning compliance by Armenia. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by Armenia to implement decision VI/8a to date, based on Armenia's first progress report, as well as comments from communicants and observers.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that the Committee proposes to hold an open session on decision VI/8a on Wednesday, 13 March 2019, during its upcoming 63rd meeting (Geneva, 11-15 March 2019) to discuss any questions or comments that the Party concerned, communicants and observers may have on the Committee's first progress review. Further details regarding the open session on 13 March will be sent shortly.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions regarding the above.

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

Transparency International Anti-corruption Center, communicant of

communications ACCC/C/2003/8 and ACCC/C/2009/43

Ecoera NGO, the communicant of communication ACCC/C/2011/62

"Dalma Sona" Fund, observer

"Ecodar", observer

"Helsinki Citizens' Assembly of Vanadzor" public organisation, observer

Sona Ayvazyan, observer "Ecological Right", observer

Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VI/8a