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PROTOCOL ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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Ref. Follow-up with decision VI/2 of the Meeting of the Parties
(EIA/IC/CI/1 Law on environmental assessment and EIA/IC/S/3)

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Dear Ms. Grigoryan,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Implementation Committee under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991) and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003).

At its thirty-second session, held in Geneva from 9 to 11 December 2014, the Committee considered the follow-up by Armenia with the recommendations of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (decision VI/2).

Regarding the Law on environmental assessment, the Committee discussed the information received on 3 October 2014 and 19 November 2014, the English translations of the amendments of the draft law since its last review by the Committee as well as information provided by the secretariat to the Convention, regarding the envisaged financial assistance to prepare amendments by the end of 2015.

At the request of the Committee, you are now invited to provide additional information about the scope of the proposed amendments to the recently adopted law, details on the drafting process and the timeline for the preparation of the amendments and how the comments made by the international and national consultants were taken into account.

With regard to the planned construction of the Metsamor nuclear power plant, the Committee took note of the information provided in the letter of 19 November 2014. The Committee agreed that this information was satisfactory. It will take the information into account for the preparation of its report for the next session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2017.

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Taking into account that Armenia is a Party to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and that the Program of the Government adopted by Decision 511-A, dated 19 May 2014 (mentioned in a letter from the Minister of Nature Protection to the UNECE Executive Secretary on 1 August 2014) seemed to set the framework for future activities in the energy field, you are invited to inform the Committee about the nature of the Program and whether an SEA procedure, including transboundary procedure or at least notification of potentially affected countries, has been carried out before the adoption of the Program.

Please provide the information on the above to the secretariat in English by no later than **2 March 2015**, for the Committee to consider at its next session.

Yours sincerely,



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