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Dear Mr. Wates,

The Republic of Armenia as a Party of Aarhus Convention on “Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters” expresses its willingness to follow the recommendations stated in Decision III/6b adopted at the Third Meeting of the Parties held from 11 to 13 June 2008 in Riga. The information on further progress in implementing the recommendations set out in paragraph 8 of the decision is enclosed.

The Republic of Armenia continually introduces the relevant provisions required to fully implement the Convention through the ongoing process of legislative development and review, organization of public hearings, publishing the environmental information, etc. Certain measures are undertaken to improve national legislation and implement its approximation to the provisions of Aarhus Convention, especially providing appropriate legal base for realization of its three pillars: Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters.

To strengthen environmental democracy in the UNECE region, to contribute to the effectiveness and legitimacy of environmental policies and to ensure sustainable and environmentally sound development the Republic of the Armenia is willing to continue its genuine efforts to promote further implementation of the provisions of Aarhus Convention.

Looking forward to further cooperation.

Sincerely,

Aram Harutyunyan

