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5 February 2009

Attn. Mrs. Aida Iskoyan National Focal Point for the Aarhus Convention Ministry of Nature Protection Republic Square, 3rd Governmental Building 375010 Yerevan Armenia

Dear Ms. Iskoyan,

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Re: Decision III/6b of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention

With reference to our letter of 2 October 2008, the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee at its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting (17-19 December 2008) considered the implementation by Armenia of decision III/6b of the Meeting of the Parties, in particular with regard to paragraph 9 of the decision through which the Meeting of the Parties invited the Government of Armenia to submit to the Committee annually, beginning in November 2008, detailed information on further progress in implementing the recommendations set out in paragraph 8 of the decision.

The Committee expressed its concerns over the failure by Armenia to submit by the end of November 2008 information on the implementation of the decision, despite the reminders sent by the secretariat at the request of the Committee in October 2008.

The Committee requested the secretariat to convey to you its concern and agreed to review the situation at its next meeting (31 March – 3 April 2009), where it would consider further steps to be taken in this regard.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat (<u>public.participation@unece.org</u>) if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely.

Jeremy Wates

Secretary, Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

Cc: Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Encl: Decision III/6b of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention concerning compliance by Armenia with its obligations under the Convention (ECE/MP.PP/2008/2/Add.10)

Copy of the letter from the secretariat dated 2 October 2008