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Ref: Decision V/9a

3 January 2017

Mr. Khachatur Khachatryan  
Head of Legal Department  
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Yerevan  
Armenia

Dear Mr. Khachatryan,

**Re: Decision V/9a concerning compliance by Armenia  
with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention**

Please find **enclosed** the Compliance Committee's third progress review of Armenia's implementation of decision V/9a, which was adopted by the Compliance Committee at its virtual meeting on 22 December 2016.

The Committee's third progress review examines the progress made by the Party concerned to implement decision V/9a to date, based on the Party concerned's third progress report and the comments received from the observer, "Ecological Right" on that report, and taking into account the information provided by the Party concerned during the audioconference at the Committee's fifty-fifth meeting (Geneva, 6-9 December 2016).

I would like to draw your particular attention to paragraphs 46-48 of the enclosed third progress review, which set out the Committee's conclusions regarding the extent to which the requirements of decision V/9a have been met thus far. Please note that, as explained in paragraph 48 of the enclosed progress review, in the light of the Committee's own deadline for finalizing its report to the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties, all measures necessary to implement decision V/9a must be completed by, and reported upon by no later than 31 January 2017, as that will be the final opportunity for the Party concerned to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision V/9a.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fiona Marshall".

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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

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Enc: Committee's third progress review on the implementation of decision V/9a concerning compliance by Armenia