**Oggetto:** Re: Decision VII/8a (Armenia) - invitation to comment on draft law "On Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise"

Dear Fiona,

As I've already wrote to you, a discussion-hearings of the draft EIA law took place in our National Assembly on 13 March 2013,

in which concerned NGOs participated.

And as I mentioned before that the detailed procedures of public hearings and discussions are not included in the Law, the hearing in the National Assembly was also held arbitrarily. The moderator of the hearings initially announced to the NGOs that they had the right to only one /1/ question related to the draft Law. Although all of us had not one but many questions on the draft law and even one of the representatives of the NGOs came to Yerevan from a very distant region. One participant suggested sending the draft to the developers altogether for a complete and full preparing.

In any way, please, see attached some of my comments on the Draft.

It would be desirable if you get to know the remarks of the rest NGOs as well. If desired, I can provide you with their e-mail addresses as well so you can contact with them personally.

Once more thank you for the opportunity to present our concerns and comments on the draft.

With Kind Regards,

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