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

Dear Colleagues,

In the context of the Committee's follow-up on decision VII/8a (Armenia), please see below an email from the Party concerned requesting the Committee to provide advice on the proposed draft law "On Environmental Impact Assessment and Expertise".

In line with the Party concerned's request, at its upcoming 78th meeting (Geneva, 21-24 March 2023), the Committee will consider the extent to which the proposed draft law, if enacted in that form, would meet the requirements of paragraph 2 (a) and (b) of decision VII/8a with a view to advising the Party concerned on any aspects of the draft law that should be revised in order to fulfil those requirements.

In order that the Committee may take account of any comments from communicants and observers when considering the draft law at its upcoming 78th meeting, communicants and observers are invited to provide their comments by **Monday, 20 March 2023** on the extent to which the attached draft law, if enacted in this form, will meet the requirements set in paragraph 2 (a) and (b) of decision VII/8a.

Please note that in its follow-up procedure on decision VII/8a, the Committee can only consider matters within the scope of paragraph 2 of decision VII/8a. To this end, please ensure that your comments are limited to the extent to which the attached draft law will meet the requirements set out in paragraph 2 (a) and (b) of decision VII/8a.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding the above.

Kind regards, Fiona



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