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Subject: Re: ACCC/A/2023/4 (Armenia) - request for advice on draft Law "On EIA and Expertise"

Dear Fiona,
Thank you for your email.

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment, we would like to once again express our appreciation for the valuable work of the Compliance Committee aimed at suggesting harmonization of the Armenian legislation with the Convention.

At this stage we are not able to make changes/updates in the Draft law on EIA anymore, because it was approved by the National Assembly at its second reading which took place today in the morning.

To our deepest regret we weren't able to change the Draft law readings day and we are very sorry that the Committee couldn't have managed to finalize its comments before.

Consequently, after receiving the Committee's comments, depending on the content of the Committee's comments, we either have to start a new initiative for legislative improvement or make necessary relevant regulations through the legal acts.

We are looking forward to the Compliance Committee finalized comments to understand the further steps.

Kindest regards,
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