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Importance: High

Dear Fiona,
Thank you very much for your quick response.

In addition to the comments provided by the Party on January 23, 2024 in regard with the Compliance Committee Draft recommendations to Armenia (ACCC/A/2023/4), we would like to add the comments below and we would appreciate if the Committee considers them during the view to finalizing its recommendations:

- With regard to recommendations in Paragraph 16-19, sub-paragraph 18 of Article 4 of the EIA Law defines that the clause/provision "person or public concerned" includes one or more individuals and legal entities, and Paragraph 19 of the same article defines, that the term "participants of the process" includes public or local self-government bodies, individuals and legal entities, including the affected community, the affected settlement, and the public concerned. The aforementioned formulations also include civil society and individuals, ensuring the most inclusive range of beneficiaries defined by law.

- With regard to recommendations in 20-22 and 36-40 Paragraphs, Articles 24-27 of the Law clearly define that the environmental impact assessment will be carried out based on the requirements of the ESPOO Convention, other international agreements/ treaties ratified by the Republic of Armenia, International Health Regulations which in their turn define the procedures for ensuring the notification and participation of the community and country concerned. In addition, it is noteworthy to mention that persons or entities outside the relevant State (in this case from the Republic of Armenia) are not explicitly mentioned in Part 9 of the Article 3 of the Convention, and in this context, the observations submitted by the Compliance Committee are considered to be comments.

Have a productive meeting.

Kind regards.
Mari