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Dear Fiona,

Following the joint meeting of Task Force on public participation of the Aarhus Convention and Espoo Convention, I am sending suggestions and remarks by me and Eleanora Griogryan - the Focal Point to the Espoo Convention.

Our concerns especially relate to the Chapter "Participation of the concerned public from other countries", point 25, which are both essential and sensible for Armenia and neighbouring countries. Specifically, we would suggest to further develop the mechanism which will ensure effective public participation when there are no diplomatic relations between the countries which will be affected by the proposed activity.

As to the procedure of public participation in transboundary decision-making in the ambit of Art. 7 of the Aarhus Convention, I am glad to inform that the process of elaboration of the detailed reglament is underway. I think this should be considered as a progress even if Armenia has not ratified the SEA Protocol yet.

Should you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,
Aida Iskoyan and Eleanora Grigoryan