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**The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on
Emerald Network sites
(Armenia)**

- REPORT BY THE GOVERNMENT -

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To: Mr. Mikaël Poutiers
Secretary of the Bern Convention

Dear Mr.Poutiers,

Referring to the request of the Secretariat of the Bern Convention dated on 7th of December 2023 pertaining to the complaint No. 2020/04: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites, filed by “EcoLur” Informational NGO, Armenian Forests NGO, Green Armenia Environmental Education NGO, CEE Bankwatch Network, the Ministry of Environment (the “Ministry”) hereby I would like to provide a short update to the Secretariat regarding the further actions undertaken by the Armenian Government.

The Scientific Center of Zoology and Hydroecology of the RA National Academy of Sciences conducted a study in the area of Amulsar which will allow evaluation of the recent biodiversity findings in the area. The collected data is currently being processed and the results will be available by the end of February. Once the Ministry receives the results of the academic institution we will present it to the Secretariat in due course.

Regarding the revision of the Emerald Network sites, the Ministry would like to inform you that in the framework of the "EU4Environment. Advancing the Establishment of the Emerald Network and Management of the Emerald Sites" project the revision process is almost finalized, and the next step is the presentation of the results to CSOs. The respective meeting is planned for the second half of March. In the meantime, the Ministry will undertake the update of the database of the Emerald Sites.

Once again, the Ministry would like to inform the Bureau that the Amulsar gold mine is currently non-operational.

Taking into consideration all the above-mentioned efforts and circumstances, Armenia requests the Bureau to close the complaint with a condition to monitor future developments and to report to the Bureau accordingly.

Sincerely,

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