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Date: *May 22, 2025*

To:

Charles J. Cormier, Infrastructure Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia
Antonella Bassani, Vice President of the Europe and Central Asia region
Tatiana Proskuryakova, Regional Director for the Central Asia region

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Meeting Report of March 27, Document Disclosure for Rogun HPP, and Upcoming Consultations

Dear Mr. Cormier,

Dear Ms. Bassani,

Dear Mrs. Proskuryakova,

We are writing to address several concerns following our recent review of your report on the meeting concerning the Rogun Hydropower Project (HPP), which you organized on March 27.

Firstly, we wish to note that the records of this meeting were unfortunately not circulated to participants for review prior to their finalization. As a consequence, we find that they do not accurately reflect the statements made and discussions held during the meeting from our perspective.

In line with the request noted in the aforementioned meeting records, we are re-submitting to the World Bank our report containing a preliminary analysis of alternatives for the Rogun HPP completion. We trust this document will be put to good use in your ongoing considerations.

Secondly, we must express our concern regarding the lack of new draft Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) documentation being made available for disclosure and public consultation since November 2024. We are particularly worried that the list of documents promised for disclosure in the March 27 meeting report appears to have been shortened when compared to commitments made in previous correspondence and consultations. Specifically, we do not see vital documents such as the Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA), the Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP), and certain other items listed in your recent report. We kindly request that you inform us of the anticipated timeline for the disclosure of these and other outstanding documents for public consultation.

Thirdly, we would appreciate clarification on whether the meeting previously planned for June in either Almaty or Bishkek is still scheduled to take place. If so, we request information regarding its agenda and objectives.



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Finally, we wish to express our considerable surprise that Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) received no formal notification from your office regarding the timing or agenda of the meeting being organized in Ashgabat, scheduled for tomorrow, May 23. Our awareness of this event came through informal channels, specifically from local contacts. Nevertheless, we appreciate the accommodation made for our expert to attend this meeting.

We look forward to your prompt response and clarification on these important matters.



Sincerely

Alexander Kolotov,

Director of Rivers without Boundaries Public Fund