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The following submission has been prepared by Front Line Defenders – The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders based on research carried out by this organisation and information received from independent human rights defenders in Armenia from January 2015 to July 2019, as well as from a mission to Armenia undertaken by Front Line Defenders staff in the reporting period.

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