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Dear Mr. Ter-Gabrielyan,

In response to your No. 18605-17 letter dated 18.07.2017 and a letter submitted on 18.07.2017 via Email, we inform you that under the Article 6 of the RA law on "Freedom of conscious and religious organizations" the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church is considered a religious organization and the draft law on "On making an amendment to the Law of the Republic of Armenia 'On freedom of conscience and religious organizations" and other adjacent drafts (hereinafter referred to as "the Drafts") do not aim to introduce any changes in this regard.

Regarding the question on applicability of the draft law on "On making an amendment to the Law of the Republic of Armenia 'On freedom of conscience and religious organizations'" to the activities of the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church, it needs to be mentioned that the Draft applies to the activities of the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church as a religious organization.

At the same time, please be informed that your recommendations pertaining to the Drafts will be considered during the revision process of the Drafts.

BEST REGARDS,

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