

4 December 2020

Mr. R.G.J. Dercksen
Province of Utrecht
Netherlands

Dear Mr. Dercksen,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the Netherlands with respect to public participation in decision-making on wind farms (ACCC/C/2020/181)

On 17 August 2016, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received from you the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the Netherlands with articles 6 (2), (4), (8) and 7 of the Convention with respect to public participation in decision-making on wind farms. The communication was submitted in accordance with the provisions of chapter VI of the annex to decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties.

The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2020/181, which you are invited to cite in all future correspondence on the matter. All documentation relating to the communication is available on the Committee's website at: <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/cc/com.html>.

The Compliance Committee, having considered the admissibility of the communication at its sixty-eighth meeting on 23-27 November 2020, has on a preliminary basis determined it to be admissible in accordance with paragraph 20 of the annex to decision I/7. A copy of the preliminary determination on admissibility is attached. Please note, however, that the Committee has not reached any conclusions with respect to the compliance issues referred to in the communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Cc: Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
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Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility