

4 December 2020

Ms. Nicoletta Bouman
Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management
Netherlands

Dear Ms. Bouman,

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 Mr. Dercksen and others 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 on public participation in decision-making with respect to 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 Compliance 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.

Having regard to paragraph 23 of the annex to decision I/7, you are kindly invited to submit to the Committee, as soon as possible but at the latest within five months of this letter (i.e. by **4 May 2021**), any written explanations or statements clarifying the matter referred to in the communication and describing any response that may have been made in the meantime.

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
Mr. René Dercksen, representing the communicants of communication
ACCC/C/2020/181

Enc: Preliminary determination on admissibility