







## EXPLANATORY NOTE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE REPLIES OF THE NLVOW

*Dear Members of the Committee, dear Members of the Secretariat,*

In this brief note I will explain the organization of the replies of the NLVOW to the Questions of your Committee. This so that you may find your way around more easily.

All answers are in files organized in directories ("maps") and sub-directories ("sub-maps").








- The main directory is called "Replies NLVOW to Question ACC"
- When you open the main directory you will find 6 sub-directories, one for the Questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 and two for Question 2 (2a and 2b). In Windows Explorer it will look like this:

Naam	Gewijzigd op	Type
 1. Reply NLVOW to Question 1 ACC	7-6-2021 20:59	Bestandsmap
 2a. Reply NLVOW to Question 2a ACC	7-6-2021 21:06	Bestandsmap
 2b. Reply NLVOW to Question 2b ACC	7-6-2021 22:28	Bestandsmap
 3. Reply NLVOW to Question 3 ACC	7-6-2021 22:12	Bestandsmap
 4. Reply NLVOW to Question 4 ACC	7-6-2021 22:15	Bestandsmap
 5. Reply NLVOW to Question 5 ACC	7-6-2021 22:17	Bestandsmap

When you open a sub-directory you will find the following files/documents:

- A note with a name like "Cover note NLVOW reply to Question x. That note is always the number A item. This file contains the answer of the NLVOW to the Question concerned.
- However, in that answer references can - and often: must - be made to documents on which the answer is based or that support the answer. These documents are marked with a "B", "C", etc.

To give an example: in Windows Explorer the subdirectory for Question 5 looks like this:

Naam	Gewijzigd op	Type	Grootte
 A. Cover note NLVOW reply to Question 5	7-6-2021 22:17	Adobe Acrobat D...	1.289 kB
 B. Comparative Table comments NLVOW	6-6-2021 22:28	Microsoft Office E...	13 kB
 C. Decision RvS wind farm Noordoostpol...	7-6-2021 12:19	Adobe Acrobat D...	1.757 kB
 D. Decision RvS wind farm Neeltje Jans 1...	7-6-2021 12:14	Adobe Acrobat D...	984 kB
 E. Decision RvS wind farm Tolhuislanden ...	7-6-2021 13:04	Adobe Acrobat D...	1.158 kB
 F. Decision RvS wind farm Duiven 09-28-...	6-6-2021 22:51	Adobe Acrobat D...	952 kB
 G. Decision RvS wind farm Ecofactorij wit...	7-6-2021 9:04	Adobe Acrobat D...	948 kB

And when you open the file of a Cover note, you will find that each note begins with the question that is being addressed. For example:

### QUESTION 3 ACC TO NLVOW

3. Please provide an English translation of the rows of the table in the explanatory memorandum for the SVIR which you allege demonstrate that the government did not take into account the comments received from the public concerning wind energy (Please make sure that the examples you provide indeed concern the draft text of the SVIR and not matters outside of its scope).

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### NLVOW REPLY TO QUESTION 3

This note and its .....

It follows from this that the most convenient way to review the replies of the NLVWO is to start with the Cover note for each Question and to then open up a supporting document whenever a reference is made to that document in the Cover note.

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Finally, if you find imperfections or mistakes: they are all mine. Fact is that all volunteers who helped with the original Communication of November 2015 are no longer involved. Also, the NLVOW does not have the resources to commission lawyers or other professionals. So this is a "one-man-show".

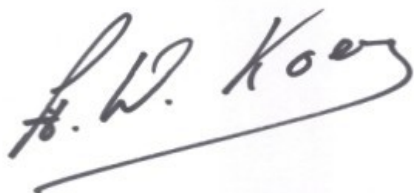
Which, I must admit, took a great deal of time and energy. I managed to find that time and energy in the conviction - confirmed and strengthened by preparing the replies - that the allegations of the NLVOW in its Communication of November 2015 were and still are well-founded.

If in all this I find one common thread, it is that - unfortunate and alas for the lawyer who I am - in my country public participation in decision-making and access to justice present an impressive façade of formal rules and procedures, but that on closer inspection and in real life this façade is too often devoid of real substance, is an empty shell, a broken promise. Including the promises made to the people when the Netherlands ratified the Aarhus Convention.

I do hope that for all matters that fall under the Convention, the Committee will add its voice to renovate and re-invent that façade to turn it into a building where people are truly heard and where justice is truly served. Where democracy is truly alive and flourishing.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the NLVOW,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A.W. Koers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Prof.em. dr. Albert W. Koers

Schettens, the Netherlands, 8 June 2021