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To: **The Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee**
Attn: Ms Fiona Marshall
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
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Re.: Draft findings of the Compliance Committee
ACCC/C/2014/124 the Netherlands – access to information coal power station Eemsmond
Reaction from the Communicant

Amsterdam, 15 July 2021

Dear Chair, dear members of the ACCC, dear Ms Marshall,

Greenpeace Netherlands thanks the Committee for its work on these findings.
We confirm the factual basis and support the Committee's findings.

There is one point where we still would like to request some clarification: It is not clear to us from the findings, whether the Committee concludes that, in general, contact from the authorities with third parties (outside the prospective licensee) and third party documents received by the authorities may fall under the label "internal consultation" and thus under Article 4(3)(c) of the Convention. Or that they should, in general and subject to the conditions mentioned in art. 4(4), be made available to the public. This includes for example reports containing environmental information made by external consultants on request of the authority.

If the Committee indeed is of the opinion that such information should in principle be available to the public, we kindly ask the Committee to include wording to that extent in the final findings.

With regards,

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In the name of:
Greenpeace Netherlands (communicant in ACCC/C/2014/124)