

13 December 2021

Ms. Nicoletta Bouman
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Dear Ms. Bouman,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by the Netherlands in connection with public participation in decision-making on various changes to the license of the Borssele nuclear power plant (ACCC/C/2021/187)

On 2 September 2021, the secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) received the above communication addressed to the Compliance Committee of the Convention. The communication concerns compliance by the Netherlands with the provisions of the Convention in connection with the alleged failure to provide for public participation in decision-making on various changes to the license for the Borssele nuclear power plant. 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/2021/187, which you are invited to cite in 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 seventy-second meeting (Geneva, 18-21 October 2021), 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 the date of this letter (i.e. by **13 May 2022**), 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. Jan Haverkamp and Mr. Gerard Brinkman, representing Greenpeace Netherlands, WISE and LAKA, the communicants of communication ACCC/C/2021/187
- Enc: Preliminary determination of admissibility