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Re Ref. Draft advice by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee to the Netherlands concerning the implementation of paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8m

Dear Ms Marshall,

Further to your letter of 24 August 2022 regarding the draft advice by the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee to the Netherlands concerning the implementation of paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8m, I kindly request the Committee for an extension of the time limit for the submission of comments of the Government of the Netherlands.

The reason for this request is the additional time required to carefully examine the provided draft advice because the draft advice concerns article 6(1), 6(10) of the Aarhus Convention and paragraph 22 of Annex I to the Convention in general. It would therefore be appreciated if the Committee could take into account our comments during its 77th meeting of the (13 – 16 December), instead of its upcoming 76th meeting (13 – 16 September). Accordingly, we would like to request an extension for 13 weeks, i.e. until 12 December 2022.

Furthermore, the Netherlands kindly asks the Committee to clarify the advice procedure, and whether (and if so when) other States Parties to the Convention will be invited to give their views on the draft advice.

Yours sincerely,

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