

24 August 2022

Nicolette Bouman  
Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management  
The Netherlands

Jan Haverkamp  
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The Netherlands

Dear Ms. Bouman,  
Dear Mr. Haverkamp,

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

I refer to the Party concerned's request of 22 April 2022 to the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention to provide the Party concerned with advice on various questions it had regarding paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8m concerning the compliance of the Netherlands.

I recall that, pursuant to paragraph 36 (a) of the annex to decision I/7, the Committee, in consultation with the Party concerned, may provide advice and facilitate assistance to individual Parties regarding the implementation of the Convention.

I write to inform you that, on 18 August 2022, the Compliance Committee agreed its draft advice concerning the implementation of paragraph 3 (a) of decision VII/8m through its electronic decision-making procedure.

The draft advice, including its accompanying annex, is now forwarded at the request of the Committee for your consideration and possible comments pursuant to paragraph 34 of the annex to decision I/7.

I would be grateful if you would provide any comments on the draft advice and its annex by **Monday, 12 September 2022**. In finalizing the advice, the Committee will take into account any comments you submit on the draft advice and annex by the deadline.

The above deadline has been set in order that the Committee may finalize its advice to the Party concerned at its upcoming seventy-sixth meeting (Geneva, 13 – 16 September 2022). Should the Party concerned, having requested the advice pursuant to paragraph 36 (a) of the annex to decision I/7, consider that it would need further time to comment on the draft advice, it may seek an extension of this deadline. Kindly note that, in that case, the Committee would not finalize its advice at its upcoming seventy-sixth meeting but would do so at a future meeting instead.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Marshall  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

- Enc: Draft advice, including annex, for comment by the Party concerned and the communicant of communications ACCC/C/2014/104 and ACCC/C/2014/124
- Cc: Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva