

19 February 2024

Ms. Nicolette Bouman Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management The Netherlands

Dear Ms. Bouman,

Re: Decision VII/8m concerning compliance by the Netherlands with its obligations under the Aarhus Convention

Please find enclosed the Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VII/8m concerning compliance by the Netherlands. The Committee's first progress review examines the progress made by the Netherlands to implement decision VII/8m to date, based on the Netherlands' first progress report.

Should you, the communicant or observers have any questions about the Committee's follow-up procedure on decision VII/8m, you are welcome to participate virtually in the open session on review of developments on decisions of the Meeting of the Parties to be held **tomorrow**, **20 February 2024** at **10.45 CET**, at the Committee's eighty-second meeting (Geneva, 20–23 February 2024).

The provisional timeline for the Committee's eighty-second meeting is available at: https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/events/387664. In order to participate virtually or inperson at the eighty-second meeting, please register at: https://indico.un.org/event/1007024/.

The Committee has asked me to remind you that all measures necessary to implement decision VII/8m must be completed by, and reported upon, by no later than 1 October 2024, as that will be the final opportunity for the Party concerned to demonstrate to the Committee that it has fully met the requirements of decision VII/8m.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have questions regarding the above.

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

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Observers of decision VII/8m

Enc: Committee's first progress review on the implementation of decision VII/8m