The Minister for Infrastructure and the Environment Her Excellency Mrs. M. Schultz van Haegen-Maas Geesteranus PO Box 20901 2500 EX The Hague



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Schettens, 1 July 2015

Dear Madam,

Please find enclosed the Communication to the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention, 1998, that was submitted by the "Nederlandse Vereniging Omwonenden Windturbines" (NLVOW) yesterday.

In the Communication, the NLVOW maintains that the Netherlands structurally does not comply with the Convention in relation to wind power and wind farms. More specifically, this non-compliance involves the public's rights in relation to access to information, participation in decision-making and access to justice.

I also attach the press release of the NLVOW that was issued earlier today.

Although the handling of the case is now in the hands of the Compliance Committee, I considered it appropriate to inform you as soon as convenient.

Sincerely.

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Cc: Minister of Economic Affairs Minister of Foreign Affairs