



Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee
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Borssele nuclear power plant

Dear Ms Marshall,

Further to the discussion on 8 October 2015 of communication ACCC/C/2014/104 regarding compliance by the Netherlands in connection with decision-making on the extension of the design lifetime of the Borssele nuclear power plant, I have the honour to provide the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee herewith the answers to the questions that were put to the Dutch delegation and for which no time was left during the discussion. The Annex presents the questions as recorded by the delegation. Should the Committee have additional questions, the Netherlands stands ready to answer them. The text of the final comments of 8 October 2015 is also provided, as well as an English translation of part of the judgment of the Council of State of 19 February 2014, as referred to in the answer to the second question. The Dutch version of the parliamentary document referred to in the answer to the fifth question is attached; an English translation of this document will be made available to the Committee before its December meeting.

With this information I hope to have sufficiently clarified the Dutch policy with respect to decision-making on nuclear reactors in the Netherlands in general and the decision-making on the Borssele nuclear power plant in particular.

Yours sincerely,

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