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**Culture Sector
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Dear Ambassador,

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 1 July last, transmitting to the World Heritage Centre, updated information concerning the design plans for the A8 and A9 highway link which will impact on the World Heritage property 'Dutch Water Defence Lines', in compliance with paragraph 4. b) of Decision **44 COM 8B.23** of the World Heritage Committee.

The World Heritage Centre particularly appreciates the summary in English and the detailed documentation on the updated plans. Please note that all documents have been shared with ICOMOS International for their review. I shall revert to you with any comments or to request any further information or documentation that may be deemed necessary to assess the current status of the planned project.

I would like to take this opportunity to kindly encourage your national authorities, in accordance with paragraph 172 of the Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention, to continue to provide the World Heritage Centre and ICOMOS with any relevant updates on this project. I would also encourage them to include updated information on the A8-A9 junction in the report on the implementation of the recommendations mentioned in Decision **44 COM 8B.23** that is to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by 1 December 2022 for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 46th session.

I thank you for your continuous collaboration and support in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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Director

cc: Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO
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