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Dear Mr Nijpels,

The Netherlands has reached an important milestone. Over a hundred organisations have worked together on a package of measures to limit global warming, presented on June 28, 2019. With this climate accord The Netherlands aims to decrease the Netherlands' greenhouse gas emissions by 49% by 2030 compared to the country's emissions in 1990.

The task is challenging, we must now work together to realise the climate accord and to implement it in Dutch legislation and regulations. And the clock is ticking.

That is why Shell Nederland supports the climate accord as presented. It is very challenging for us, all the more so following the government's recent amendments. Yet it also offers opportunities. Within the scope of the climate accord, we will step up and do our part. We will reduce emissions from our own facilities. Moreover, we will help Dutch society to become more sustainable by, for example, building solar farms and offshore wind parks and selling more low-carbon fuels to our customers. Shell Netherlands wants to grasp the opportunities the energy transition has to offer in the Netherlands.

Together with our partners, we have already made a start. For example, we are supplying residual heat from Pernis to residents of Rotterdam and we are offering customers access to electric vehicle charging by means of NewMotion and Shell Recharge. Additionally, we are building offshore wind farms Borssele III & IV and we will be supplying green hydrogen for bus transportation in Groningen. We are doing this in collaboration with many partners, as the energy transition is a team effort.

To reach the objectives, the new energy landscape requires a number of essential adaptations to the infrastructure, such as a faster expansion of the electricity grid, regional heat networks, hydrogen pipelines and a network for CO₂-transport and storage. All this is dependent on the collaboration with and efforts from various government bodies. Systemic thinking, thinking in chains and across borders, will make the objectives of the energy transition attainable, where possible further accelerate the energy transition and make it more affordable. This will, for example, contribute to realising the benefits of a green hydrogen economy.

Legislation and regulations must also keep pace with the speed. It is of the utmost importance that government quickly fulfils its part of the accord. Besides, the SDE++ regulation needs to be further developed to allow businesses to invest in projects that lower CO₂-emissions. This regulation is essential. In addition, the Dutch energy transition can only be successful if Dutch consumers and companies buy more and more lower-carbon products.

In the Netherlands, we will have to work hard together to ensure we remain internationally competitive and embrace the opportunities offered by the energy transition. The challenge is a big one. We will go for it.

Respectfully yours,

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