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**Aan:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Onderwerp:** RE: ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam  
**Datum:** woensdag 3 januari 2018 10:58:21  
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Beste allen,

Naar aanleiding van onderstaande mail van [redacted] van 22 december heb ik met [redacted] overlegd over de betekenis en consequenties van deze mail. Daarover het volgende:

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-Wat we er precies mee gaan doen, zal besproken worden in het overleg PNH OCW I&W op 15 januari.

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Met vriendelijke groet,

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**Van:** [redacted]  
**Verzonden:** vrijdag 22 december 2017 16:03

**Aan:** [redacted]

**CC:** [redacted]

**Onderwerp:** RE: ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam

Dear [redacted],

This is to thank you for the queries you have put to ICOMOS regarding the report of the advisory mission.

With reference to the options which could be explored, the advisory mission report "concludes that at the current time, there is no alternative that can be supported". It did not consider that there were any modifications that could be made to the current options to make them feasible.

Indeed the Mission states that ICOMOS in earlier Technical Reviews reviewed the seven preliminary options and the Mission agreed with the previous selection process. Therefore, the Mission report suggested "other options" rather than "other design options" as it considered that none of the current options, or modifications to these, were feasible.

The State Party envisages that a solution for the A8-A9 link resides in a depressed road. However, the mission did not consider that any existing options, or modifications to these options, could be supported at the current time. Further work is needed to explore other options.

With reference to the connection to A9, the State Party notes that any depressed connection would impact on the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage property. However, it would be ready to explore a solution for a depressed connection in relation to the Gulf course alternative by compensating the degradation by recovery measures to the landscape. The mission did not consider that any options, or modifications to these options, could be supported at the current time (see above).

Hoping the above is useful in clarifying points from the advisory mission report, we remain at your disposal to discuss this further.

I take the opportunity to send all my Best Wishes for the New Year

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**De :** [redacted]  
**Envoyé :** lundi 11 décembre 2017 16:40

**A :** [redacted]

**Cc :** [redacted]

**Objet :** RE: ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam

Dear [redacted],

On behalf of the vice-governors of the Province of Noord-Holland, we would like to thank you for sending us the ICOMOS Advisory Mission Report on the Defence Line of Amsterdam, which we received on 9 November 2017.

We are grateful that you have put so much effort into composing this solid report. We intend to take your proposals into account as much as possible in our further planning procedures.

As ICOMOS believes that two of the proposed alternatives for the A8-A9 Link Road (the Heemskerk and Golf Course alternatives) will impact the OUV of the World Heritage property, we will now investigate possible new options. The State Advisor for the Environment has offered to assist us with exploring the options through an integrated landscape approach. Your recommendations with respect to the enhancement of landscape qualities will be part of that wider approach.

In that regard we have a few remaining questions about your Advisory Mission Report, and we hope that you can clarify these at your earliest convenience, but preferably by Thursday 11 January 2018.

#### Exploring options

The Mission Report concludes that none of the alternatives is supportable as currently presented. It recommends undertaking further work to identify other options that might satisfy the three main parameters: protection of OUV, quality of life of residents, and mobility.

The Mission Report also states that it has reviewed the seven preliminary options and agrees with the previous selection process. This means that the earlier alternatives studied have been ruled out.

Earlier studies also considered entirely different solutions, for example situated north of the village of Krommenie. These alternatives would also impact the openness of the landscape and the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam and would not alleviate traffic congestion on the existing road network in the villages of Assendelft and Krommenie. They are not realistic alternatives, in other words.

1) Our conclusion is that you are advising us to explore design options of the existing alternatives. Do you agree with this conclusion?

#### Depressed road

ICOMOS concludes in its report that the existing Golf Course and Heemskerk designs would have a negative impact on the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam and are therefore unacceptable. You recommend undertaking further work to identify other options that might satisfy the three main parameters: protection of OUV, improvement of quality of life of residents and improvement of mobility. Your advice stresses that the experience of openness of the landscape of the DLA must be emphasised and strengthened.

2) Our conclusion is that ICOMOS is seeking a solution for the A8-A9 link road in a depressed road. Do you agree with this conclusion?

#### Connection to A9

From the point of view of traffic safety (sight lines) and design requirements (curve radius), it will, in all probability, not be possible to construct a depressed connection with on- and off-ramps to the A9, without impacting the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam. This was discussed with the ICOMOS expert during the advisory mission. A depressed connection will also be visible in close proximity to the A9 owing to the necessary connection to the A9 at ground level. In the Golf Course alternative the depressed connection will harm the Defence Line at Sint Aagtendijk. In this case the OUV of the Defence Line of Amsterdam will in all probability be impacted, even though it will be less harmful than the current designs.

3) We would like to know whether exploring this solution is acceptable to ICOMOS, particularly if a probable minor degradation of the OUV caused by this solution is compensated by recovery measures to the quality and openness of the landscape in this section of the DLA.

We will also consider your suggestion to develop more detailed strategic approaches to the property as a whole and its wider setting, particularly in relation to infrastructure, with an amended version of the management plan for the DLA and with the nomination of a significant boundary modification. Your suggestion to examine the possibility of a buffer zone will be part of the significant boundary modification that will be brought forward in January 2019 at the latest.

We look forward to your response.

Wishing you already a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,

Cordialement // Kind regards // Met vriendelijke groet,

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Aan: [Redacted]

CC: [Redacted]

Onderwerp: ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam

Dear [Redacted]

Please find attached the report of the ICOMOS Advisory Mission Defence Line of Amsterdam:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/ts3jvpla3eol3ja/ICOMOS%20Advisory%20Mission%20report\\_Defence%20Line%20of%20Amsterdam%20Oct%202017.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ts3jvpla3eol3ja/ICOMOS%20Advisory%20Mission%20report_Defence%20Line%20of%20Amsterdam%20Oct%202017.pdf?dl=0)

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We remain at your disposal to respond eventual queries.

Best regards

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