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Meeting: 1577th meeting (December 2026) (DH)

Communication from the authorities (05/11/2026) concerning the case of Van Slooten v. the Netherlands (Application No. 45644/18)

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Réunion : 1577e réunion (décembre 2026) (DH)

Communication des autorités (05/11/2026) relative à l'affaire Van Slooten c. Pays-Bas (Requête n° 45644/18) ***[anglais uniquement]***.

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Date 5 November 2026
Subject Application No. 45644/18 van Slooten

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the above application, I have the honour to inform you as follows.

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Action Plan of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the implementation of the judgment of the Court concerning the above application (submitted on 14 January 2026), the Government wishes to provide the following additional information.

Since submission of that action plan, the envisaged procedure involving the appointment of a guardian *ad litem* (*bijzondere curator*) will no longer be pursued. Following the planned meeting between the certified agency (*gecertificeerde instelling; 'GI'*) and the applicant, it became clear that the applicant wishes to avoid a new judicial procedure, which is necessary to appoint a guardian ad litem.

The applicant seeks increased contact with her child. The GI proposed an assessment to explore how this could be facilitated, and the parties are discussing the modalities of such an assessment. The GI proposes to commission an independent agency to issue advice on this matter, taking into account not only the applicant's wishes, but also the wishes and capacity of the child. An independent behavioural specialist will speak with the child as part of this assessment.

These steps are consistent with the implementation of the judgment, in line with paragraph 11 of the aforementioned action plan. At this stage, no additional judicial proceedings are envisaged. The GI will continue to monitor and support contact arrangements, and, where appropriate, propose gradual adjustments to the frequency, duration, and format of contact, considering the views of the parties concerned.

The Government will provide any further updates in its next action plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this additional information.

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Date
5 November 2026

Yours sincerely,



Marina Brilman
Deputy Agent of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands