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THE NETHERLANDS

Annex 2 to the fifth periodic report in respect of measures taken by the Netherlands in relation to the implementation of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (EN)

Overview of organizations and associations in the Netherlands who set themselves the goal of protecting and promoting the Frisian language:

- **DINGtiid**

On 1 January 2014 a Frisian Language Body was set up. This body oversees the status and use of Frisian in the province of Fryslân. The body has a primarily advisory and reporting function, but also serves to place matters on the agenda. The Frisian Language Body replaces the Advisory Body for Matters Pertaining to Frisian Language Policy (COF), which was brought into being in 1998 pursuant to Article 7.4 of the European Charter as an advisory body for the Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations in respect of the Frisian language.

- **Science: Fryske Akademy**

Stichting Fryske Akademy in Leeuwarden is an institution for academic research in relation to the Frisian language and culture. The Fryske Akademy is affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and forms part of the institutions and research organisation of the KNAW. The Fryske Akademy and the KNAW determine the nature of their connection themselves in mutual consultation, thus allowing the continued independence and unity of the Fryske Akademy. The Fryske Akademy retains its foundation status and can make use of KNAW facilities.

- **Literature: Tresoar, FLMD, It Fryske Boek and the Dutch Foundation for Literature**

The Frysk Letterkundich Museum en Dokumintaasjesintrum (FLMD) became part of Tresoar in 2002. The FLMD foundation is a participant in the Letterhoeke joint scheme, and is represented in the Tresoar general administrative body. The province promotes the production, distribution and reading of Frisian-language books. The Stichting It Fryske Boek (IFB) was subsidised to carry out this task. Within the context of better interpreting and broadening this promotion of literature, the intention was announced that these tasks were to be transferred from It Fryske Boek to Tresoar.

- **Stichting Keunstwurk and Afûk**

The knowledge centre for Frisian art and culture focuses on amateur art activities, cultural education and the professional arts, and is involved in the visual arts, design, theatre, dance, music and multidisciplinary projects. This is the Stichting Keunstwurk in Leeuwarden. Afûk is an institution that promotes language, being involved in the transfer, development and promotion of the Frisian language in respect of all (social) domains in this administrative agreement. Afûk plays an important role in promoting Frisian in everyday life. Above all, this organisation makes efforts to connect organisations and individuals within the Frisian-language sphere, this being in close contact with the province of Fryslân.