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Subject: Conversation following the judgement in the Climate Case

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Dear Mr Van Beurden,

On May 26, the court in The Hague passed a verdict that is described by many as historic. Shell will have to reduce its CO2 emissions by 45% net by 2030 compared to 2019 levels. This lawsuit has drawn a lot of attention at both the national and international level. It is now key to look ahead. The verdict shows that the energy transition must be accelerated and that every player, including Shell, must take its responsibilities seriously.

You have stated several times that Shell recognises the urgency of the climate crisis. To secure the future of our earth and for our children, it is important to act swiftly and not to wait for legal proceedings to finish. We have very little time left to turn the tide. We would like to spend that time as usefully as possible. We are convinced that it is in everyone's interest - especially that of the climate - to avoid an appeal.

Therefore, we feel it would be constructive for us to discuss the new reality in light of the verdict, its implementation, and our shared interest in preventing dangerous climate change.

We await your response with interest.

Yours sincerely,



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