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Dear Ms Speaker of the House of Representatives,

I have the pleasure to transmit the draft opinion on the legal protection of citizens in the Netherlands. This draft opinion will be examined by the Venice Commission with a view to adoption at its forthcoming 128<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session, which will take place on Friday 15 October and Saturday 16 October 2021, in Venice and online, in a hybrid format.

You are welcome to send your comments in writing by Friday 8 October 2021 12:00 CET.


You or your representative are kindly invited to participate in the discussions in the Plenary Session in Venice in person or online via the Zoom platform.

Please inform us, as soon as possible, whether you will participate personally or who will represent you and whether this will be in person in Venice or online. For a participation in Venice all medical regulations applicable in Italy will have to be followed and access to the meeting room will depend on the fulfilment of these requirements, and upon presentation of the sanitary pass.

Information on the exact time when the opinion will be debated at the Plenary Session and links for the online discussion will be sent in due course. Whether in Venice or online, a personal direct telephone number is necessary in case of technical problems.

Finally, I should point out that the draft opinion is a restricted document and shall not be made public.

Yours sincerely,



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Director, Secretary of the Venice Commission