Act of 28 April 1995 to replace the Public Records Act 1962 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no.313) and in connection therewith to amend certain other Acts of Parliament
(Public Records Act 1995)

We, Beatrix, by the grace of God Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange Nassau, etc., etc., etc.

Greetings to all who shall see or hear these presents! Be it known:

Whereas We have considered that developments in the field of public records make it desirable to replace the Public Records Act 1962 and in connection therewith to amend a number of other Acts of Parliament;

We, therefore, having heard the Council of State, and in consultation with the States General, have approved and decreed as We hereby approve and decree:

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1
The following definitions shall be used in this Act and the provisions based upon it:

a. Our Minister: Our Minister of Education, Culture and Sciences;
b. administrative authority:
   1. an organ of a legal person established under public law, or
   2. any other person or body in whom or in which some public authority is vested;
c. records:
   1. records in any form whatsoever received or created by an administrative authority which, by their nature, are designed to be kept by that authority;
   2. records in any form whatsoever, which have been received or created by an institution or person whose rights or duties have passed to an administrative authority and which, by their nature, are designed to be kept by that institution or person;
   3. records, in any form whatsoever, which, pursuant to agreements with or decisions or bequests by institutions or persons, or on another basis, are kept in repositories;
   4. reproductions, in any form whatsoever, which, by or pursuant to Act of Parliament, have been substituted for the records referred to at 1, 2 or 3 or which have been made pursuant to the provisions of section 7;
d. responsible authority: the authority which, by or pursuant to Act of Parliament, is responsible for the care of records;
e. storage area: area, intended or designated for the storage of records pending their transfer in accordance with section 12, subsection 1 or section 13, subsection 1;
f. repository: a repository designated by or pursuant to this Act for the permanent preservation of records;
SECTION 2
For the purposes of this Act and the provisions based upon it, administrative authorities shall be defined as including administrative authorities which were or are abolished before or after the entry into force of this Act.

SECTION 2A
The prohibition on processing personal data as referred to in Section 16 of the Personal Data Protection Act shall not apply to processing relating to:

a. The replacement of records as referred to in section 7;

b. The transfer of records to a repository as referred to in sections 12 and 13;

c. The keeping of records as referred to in section 1, subsection c (3) in a repository, or;

d. The management of records that are kept in a repository, with the exception of making such records available for consultation or use.

CHAPTER II. RECORDS IN GENERAL

SECTION 3
Administrative authorities are obliged to ensure that the records kept by them are in good condition, are properly arranged and accessible, and are thus maintained, and to arrange for the destruction of records which are eligible for destruction.

SECTION 4
1. Any regulation whereby an administrative authority is abolished, merged or divided, or whereby one or more duties of one administrative authority are transferred to another, shall contain a provision concerning their records.

2. Any regulation establishing a temporary administrative authority shall contain a provision concerning the preservation of its records after it has been abolished.

3. Any regulation whereby all or some of the duties of an administrative authority are transferred to a legal person shall contain a provision to the effect that such of the records concerning those duties which have not been transferred to a repository shall be made available to the said legal person for a period not exceeding twenty years. This provision shall in any event specify more precisely the period referred to in the first sentence and shall include a clause concerning the supervision of the management of the relevant records, in accordance with the provisions laid down by or pursuant to this Act.

SECTION 5
1. The responsible authority is obliged to draw up disposal lists indicating in any event what records are eligible for destruction.

2. The lists shall, Our Minister having heard the Cultural Heritage Council, as referred to in section 2a of the Cultural Policy (Special-Purpose Funding Act), be finalised in the case of:

a. records of the Upper and Lower Houses of the States General, the other High Councils of State and the Queen’s Secretariat: by Royal Decree on the recommendation of Our Minister in consultation with the relevant administrative authority;

b. records of the ministries: by Our Minister and such other of Our Ministers as is also concerned;
c. records of other administrative authorities: by Our Minister.

3. A decision to adopt a disposal list shall be published in the Government Gazette.

SECTION 6
Our Minister may destroy records kept in a state repository only with the authorisation of the person on whose instructions the records were transferred.

SECTION 7
The responsible authority is empowered to replace records by reproductions, with a view to destroying the records thus replaced. The replacement of records which have not been designated for destruction on a list as referred to in section 5 shall require authorisation from Our Minister or, in the case of records for which a repository other than a state repository is the designated place of custody, from the provincial executive. Such authorisation shall include authorisation for destruction.

SECTION 8
1. The responsible authority is empowered to alienate records not kept in a state repository in so far as these are:
   a. records of the Upper and Lower Houses of the States General, the other High Councils of State and the Queen's Secretariat: after authorisation has been given by Royal Decree on the recommendation of Our Minister;
   b. records of other administrative authorities: on the authorisation of Our Minister.

2. No authorisation shall be required for the alienation of records as referred to in subsection 1, if such alienation takes place by way of implementing a regulation laid down by Act of Parliament.

3. Our Minister may not alienate records kept in a state repository other than in order to implement a regulation laid down by Act of Parliament or with the authorisation of the person on whose instructions the records were transferred.

SECTION 9
1. Further rules concerning the drawing up of lists as referred to in section 5 and concerning the replacement or alienation of records shall be laid down by or pursuant to order in council.

2. Our Prime Minister may lay down rules on the basis of which, in the event of exceptional circumstances, the provisions of this Act concerning the destruction of records may be waived.

SECTION 10
If records are wrongly being kept by an administrative authority other than that by which they ought to be kept, the responsible authorities concerned shall ensure that the records are moved to the appropriate place.

SECTION 11
1. Any person with records in their possession is obliged, within four weeks of receiving notification to that effect, to hand the records over to the administrative authority by which they should be kept in accordance with the provisions of this Act, at the expense and risk of the administrative authority in question, to enable it to have the records reproduced.
2. The administrative authority shall return the records within four weeks to the person who handed them over, even if the government may have a claim to the said records on some other basis.

**SECTION 12**
1. The responsible authority shall transfer to a repository records which are not eligible for destruction and which are more than twenty years old.
2. Rules shall be laid down, by or pursuant to order in council, which should be complied with when transferring records.

**SECTION 13**
1. The responsible authority may transfer to a repository records which are not eligible for destruction and which are less than twenty years old if the keeper of the repository is of the opinion that there is sufficient reason to make space available for them.
2. A refusal pursuant to subsection 1 may be reviewed by the keeper's immediate superior.
3. If records which are over twenty years old are still frequently used or consulted by the administrative authority, authorisation to suspend their transfer may be granted, in response to a request by the responsible authority, by Our Minister or, in the case of records for which a repository other than a state repository is the designated place of custody, the provincial executive.
4. The authorisation referred to in subsection 3, to which conditions may be attached, shall be granted for a period not exceeding ten years, after which an extension may be obtained.

**SECTION 14**
With the exception of the provisions of sections 15, 16 and 17, records kept in a repository shall be open to the public. With the exception of the restrictions arising out of the provisions of the said sections, all persons shall be entitled to consult these records free of charge and to make or have made, at their own expense, images, copies, extracts or versions of all or part of the records concerned.

**SECTION 15**
1. When transferring records as referred to in section 1c (1) and (2), the responsible authority, on the recommendation of the keeper of the repository, may only impose restrictions on public access for a limited period and in the interests of:
   a. privacy;
   b. the interests of the State or its allies;
   c. the prevention in some other way of disproportionate advantage or disadvantage to the natural or legal persons concerned or to third parties.

2. The authority responsible for the records kept in a repository may not impose restrictions as referred to in subsection 1 following the transfer of records as referred to in subsection 1 unless circumstances have arisen since the date of transfer which, had they been known at that time, would have led to the imposition of restrictions on public access in accordance with subsection 1.

3. Having heard the person on whose instructions the records were transferred, the authority responsible for the records kept in a repository may lift the restrictions on public access imposed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 or may set them aside in respect of a particular applicant if the latter interest in consulting or using the records outweighs the interests served by the restrictions.
4. Restrictions on public access imposed pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 shall not apply to records which are more than 75 years old, unless our Minister or, in the case of records for which a repository other than a state repository is the designated place of custody, the provincial executive decides otherwise.

5. Subsection 3 shall not apply to records public access to which has been restricted in the interests of the State or its allies.

6. Subsection 4 shall apply to records relating to the interests of the State or its allies unless the Cabinet decides otherwise.

7. The regulations on the right to information which would apply if the records had not been transferred to a repository shall apply to the records referred to in subsection 5.

SECTION 15A
1. Section 15, subsection 1, preamble and (c), shall not apply in so far as environmental information as referred to in section 19.1a of the Environmental Management Act is contained in the records.

2. In so far as environmental information as referred to in section 19.1a of the Environmental Management Act is contained in the records kept in the repository, contrary to section 15 subsection 3, the responsible authority shall waive the restrictions on public access in respect of an applicant pursuant to section 15, subsection 1, preamble and (c), or subsection 2.

3. Contrary to section 15 subsection 1a and subsection 2 in conjunction with subsection 1a, no restrictions shall be imposed on public access in so far as environmental information as referred to in section 19.1a of the Environmental Management Act contained in the records refers to emissions into the environment.

4. In so far as environmental information relating to emissions into the environment is contained in records kept in the repository, contrary to section 15, subsection 3 in respect of the records kept in the repository, the responsible authority shall waive the restrictions on public access in respect of an applicant pursuant to section 15, subsection 1a.

SECTION 16
1. Public access to the records referred to in section 1c (3) may be restricted by the relevant agreements and/or decisions and bequests.

2. If such documents have been placed in a repository on some other basis the responsible authority may impose restrictions on public access to them. The provisions of section 15 shall apply mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 17
1. The keeper of a repository shall make the documents kept there available for use or consultation by an applicant with due regard for any restrictions imposed on public access.

2. The keeper is empowered to refuse an application to use or consult records if, in his or her opinion, the condition of the records does not permit such access or the records cannot safely be entrusted to the applicant.
3. A refusal to grant all or part of a written application for use or consultation shall be made in writing. A refusal to grant a verbal application shall be made in writing if the applicant so requests. The applicant shall be informed of this option.

4. If the nature or extent of the use or consultation of records poses a serious threat to their condition, the keeper is empowered to decide that, instead of the said records, reproductions, which are not records, as referred to in section 1c (4), shall be made available.

**SECTION 18**
1. The keeper of a repository is obliged to lend records, for a given period of time, to the administrative authority by which they would have been kept if they had not been transferred to a repository unless, in his or her opinion, the condition of the records does not permit this.

2. The keeper of a repository is empowered, with due regard to the restrictions imposed on public access, to lend records to an institution for a given period of time, provided expert management and secure storage are guaranteed. Conditions may be attached to such a loan.

3. The keeper is empowered to refuse an application for a loan as referred to in subsection 2, if, in his or her opinion, the condition of the records does not permit such a loan or the records cannot safely be entrusted to the applicant.

4. A refusal to grant all or part of a written application for use or consultation shall be made in writing. A refusal to grant a verbal application shall be made in writing if the applicant so requests. The applicant shall be informed of this option.

5. If the nature or extent of the use or consultation of the records lent out as referred to in subsection 2 poses a serious threat to their condition, the keeper is empowered to decide that reproductions shall be lent in their place.

6. The applicant may be charged for the costs of the loan.

**SECTION 19**
If the costs referred to in sections 14 and 18 are passed on to the applicant, the responsible authority shall lay down rules governing the said costs.

**SECTION 20**
The keeper of a repository is empowered to issue copies of authentic documents which have to be kept by him or her in accordance with this Act.

**SECTION 21**
1. Rules shall be laid down by or pursuant to order in council governing the durability of records to be created by administrative authorities, the construction, alteration, furnishing and refurnishing of storage areas and putting buildings or parts of buildings into use as storage areas.

2. Rules shall be laid down by or pursuant to order in council concerning the way in which the records are to be arranged, made accessible and stored.

**SECTION 22**
Rules shall be laid down by or pursuant to order in council concerning archival education and qualifications.
CHAPTER III. CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS

SECTION 23
1. The Upper and Lower Houses of the States General, the other High Councils of State, the director of the Queen’s Secretariat and Our Ministers shall be responsible for the care of such of their records as have not been transferred to a state repository.

2. Our Commissioners in the province shall be responsible for the care of such of their records relating to the functions referred to in section 18, subsections 1 and 2, of the Province Act as have not been transferred to a state repository.

3. Our Minister shall also be responsible for the care of records kept in state repositories.

4. Rules shall be laid down by order in council concerning the way in which the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be provided.

SECTION 24
1. Our Minister is empowered to instruct the administrative authorities referred to in section 23, subsections 1 and 2, and section 41, subsection 1, to comply with the provisions laid down by or pursuant to this Act.

2. Our Minister may proceed with administrative enforcement if an administrative authority fails to act upon an instruction as referred to in subsection 1.

3. Our Minister shall not avail him or herself of the power referred to in subsection 2 without consulting the administrative authority concerned.

4. The power referred to in subsection 2 shall not apply in respect of the Upper and Lower House of the States General, the other High Councils of State and the Queen’s Secretariat.

SECTION 25
1. There shall be a State Archives Department subject to the authority of Our Minister and headed by the Chief State Archivist, who should have an archival qualification.

2. The State Archives Department shall be responsible for:
   a. the management of the records kept in state repositories;
   b. the performance of duties conferred on it by or pursuant to order in council or by Our Minister.

SECTION 25A
1. The officials appointed as chief inspector and inspectors by decision of Our Minister shall be responsible for supervising compliance with that laid down by law in respect of the administration of the records as referred to in section 23, subsections 1 and 2, and section 41, subsection 1.

2. A decision as referred to in subsection 1 shall be published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees.

3. The supervisory authority does not possess the powers as referred to in section 5:19 of the General Administrative Law Act.
4. If a supervisory authority, under section 5:15 of the General Administrative Law Act, enters an area in which the records referred to in section 23, subsection 1 or 2, or section 41, subsection 1, are kept, or under section 5:18 of the General Administrative Law Act requires access to these records, he shall observe the regulations on maintaining secrecy.

**SECTION 25B**

1. The chief inspector as referred to in section 25a, subsection 1, shall report the findings of his or her supervision to the administrative authority and the measures that in his or her view must be taken.

2. The chief inspector shall provide Our Minister each year before 1 July with a written report of the findings of his or her supervision during the past calendar year. Our Minister shall submit this report, together with his or her opinion, to the States General.

**SECTION 26**

1. The central state repository shall be located in The Hague, for the preservation of the records of administrative authorities whose functions cover, or used to cover, the state as a whole. Its keeper shall be the Chief State Archivist.

2. There shall be a state repository in the capital of each province for the preservation of the records of provincial bodies. The state repository in a provincial capital shall also keep the records of central government agencies situated in that province, the authorities of the former provinces and **departementen**, and the administrative authorities referred to in section 41, subsection 1, whose functions do not or did not cover the State as a whole. Its keeper shall be a state archivist, who should have an archival qualification.

3. State repositories other than those referred to in subsections 1 and 2 may be designated or established by Royal Decree.

4. It may be laid down by Royal Decree that records of administrative authorities whose functions cover, or used to cover, the State as a whole shall be kept in the state repository in the capital of the province in which such authorities are or were situated.

5. It may be laid down by Royal Decree that records of administrative authorities whose functions cover, or used to cover, more than one province but not the State as a whole shall be kept in the central state repository.

6. Our Minister shall decide on whether records other than those referred to in subsections 1 and 2 should be kept in state repositories.

7. Our Minister shall lay down how the State Archives Department is to be organised further.

**CHAPTER IV. PROVINCIAL RECORDS**

**SECTION 27**

1. In accordance with an ordinance to be adopted by the provincial council, the provincial executive shall be responsible for the care of such records of the provincial authorities as have not been transferred to a state repository.
2. The costs of providing the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the province.

SECTION 28
1. The provincial inspector, under the authority of the provincial executive, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act in respect of the management of the records as referred to in section 27. The provincial council shall adopt an ordinance in respect of this supervision of compliance.

2. Provincial inspectors, who must be qualified archivists, shall be appointed, suspended and discharged by the provincial executive.

SECTION 29
1. The provincial executive may submit proposals to Our Minister concerning the management of such records of provincial bodies as are kept in a state repository.

2. Our Minister shall not deviate from such proposals without consulting the provincial executive.

CHAPTER V. MUNICIPAL RECORDS

SECTION 30
1. In accordance with an ordinance to be adopted by the municipal council, of which the provincial executive shall be notified, the municipal executive shall be responsible for the care of the records of municipal bodies.

2. The costs of providing the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the municipality.

3. In exceptional cases, Our Minister may provide a subsidy to cover some of the costs of the management of records kept in a municipal repository, if in his or her opinion the nature or the volume of the records in question warrants this.


SECTION 31
The municipal executive shall designate a municipal repository for the preservation of records of municipal bodies to be transferred pursuant to section 12, subsection 1, and section 13, subsection 1.

SECTION 32
1. The municipal repository shall be managed by a municipal archivist, who should have an archival qualification, or, where such an archivist has not been appointed, by the secretary of the municipality.

2. The municipal archivist, subject to the authority of the municipal executive, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act in respect of the management of the records of the municipal bodies, in so far as these records have not been transferred to a repository. The municipal executive shall adopt an ordinance in respect of this supervision, which shall be notified to the provincial executive.
3. The municipal archivist shall be appointed, suspended and discharged by the municipal executive.

SECTION 33
1. In accordance with an ordinance to be adopted by the provincial council, the provincial executive shall supervise the care of records entrusted to the municipal executive pursuant to section 30, subsection 1. To this end it shall avail itself of the services of the provincial inspector referred to in section 28.

2. The municipal executive shall submit to the provincial executive for approval plans for the construction, alteration, furnishing or refurnishing of a repository or for the use of buildings or parts thereof as a repository. Approval may be withheld for reasons of conflict with the law or in the public interest. Failure to give notice in time of a decision concerning approval or a decision to adjourn the decision for approval does not mean that a decision for approval shall be deemed to have been taken.

3. The costs of exercising the supervision referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the province.

SECTION 34
1. The provincial executive is empowered to proceed with administrative enforcement if the municipal executive fails to act on the obligation referred to in section 30, subsection 1.

2. The provincial executive shall not avail itself of the power referred to in subsection 1 without consulting the administrative authority concerned.

CHAPTER VI. RECORDS OF WATER BOARDS

SECTION 35
1. In accordance with an ordinance to be adopted by the general council, of which the provincial executive shall be notified, the executive of the water board shall be responsible for the care of the records of water board bodies.

2. The costs of providing the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the water board.

3. In exceptional cases, Our Minister may provide a subsidy to cover some of the costs of the management of records kept in a water board repository, if, in his or her opinion, the nature or the volume of the records in question warrants this.


SECTION 36
The general council shall designate a repository for the preservation of records of water board bodies to be transferred pursuant to section 12, subsection 1, and section 13. subsection 1

SECTION 37
1. The repository shall be managed by a water board archivist, who should have an archival qualification, or, where such an archivist has not been appointed, by the secretary of the water board.

2. The water board archivist, under the authority of the executive board, shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act in respect of the management of the records of water board bodies, in so far as these records have not been transferred to a repository. The general council shall adopt an ordinance in respect of this supervision, which shall be notified to the provincial executive.

3. The water board archivist shall be appointed, suspended and discharged by the general council.

SECTION 38
1. In accordance with an ordinance to be adopted by the provincial council, the provincial executive shall supervise the care of records entrusted to the executive of the water board pursuant to section 35, subsection 1. To this end it shall avail itself of the services of the provincial inspector referred to in section 28.

2. The executive of the water board shall submit to the provincial executive for approval plans for the construction, alteration, furnishing or refurnishing of a repository or for the use of buildings or parts thereof as a repository. Approval may be withheld for reasons of conflict with the law or in the public interest. Failure to give notice in time of a decision concerning approval or a decision to adjourn the decision for approval does not mean that a decision for approval shall be deemed to have been taken.

3. The costs of exercising the supervision referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the province.

SECTION 39
1. The provincial executive is empowered to proceed with administrative enforcement if the executive of the water board fails to act on the obligation referred to in section 35, subsection 1.

2. The provincial executive shall not avail itself of the power referred to in subsection 1 without consulting the administrative authority concerned.

CHAPTER VII. RECORDS OF OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES

SECTION 40
1. A regulation as referred to in the Joint Regulations Act (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1989, no. 571) shall include a provision on the care of the records of the public or joint bodies established by the regulation.

2. Such a provision shall correspond, as far as possible, with the provisions of this Act.

3. As long as the obligation to include a provision as referred to in subsection 1 in a joint regulation has not been met, the relevant provisions applying to the municipality or, if a province is party to the regulation, the province where the body is established, shall apply mutatis mutandis.

SECTION 41
1. Responsibility for the care of such records of administrative authorities other than those referred to in previous sections as have not been transferred to a repository shall rest with:
   a. the executive or, where there is no executive, the general council;
   b. in other cases, the person in whom public authority is vested.

2. Rules shall be laid down by order in council concerning the way in which the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be provided.

3. The costs of providing the care referred to in subsection 1 shall be borne by the relevant administrative authority.

CHAPTER VIII. PENALTIES

SECTION 42
1. Anyone failing to fulfil the obligation imposed by section 11, subsection 1, shall be liable to a second-category fine.

2. Such failure shall constitute a summary offence.

CHAPTER IX. TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

SECTION 43
The Public Records Act 1962 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 313) shall be repealed.

SECTION 44
The restrictions on public access imposed before this Act entered into force pursuant to sections 7a and 7b of the Public Records Act 1962 shall remain in force.

SECTION 45
The records kept by the administrative authorities that are older than twenty years at the moment this Act enters into force shall be transferred by order of the responsible authority to a repository within ten years of this Act entering into force.

SECTION 46
1. The regulations laid down by Royal Decree of 28 August 1919 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 547) between the State and municipalities on the storing of records of the courts of the first instance and the justice of the peace courts shall remain in force until after consultation with the municipal executive of the municipality concerned these regulations are ended.

2. The regulations laid down by Royal Decree of 28 August 1919 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 547), 31 May 1929 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 269), 6 July 1929 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 381) and 24 November 1932 (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, no. 560) between the State and municipalities on the storing of records referred to in these decrees shall remain in force until these regulations have been replaced by a regulation to alienate these records.

3. The records transferred to a state records depository pursuant to the Royal Decrees referred to in subsection 2 shall be, at the request of the municipality concerned, transferred to that municipality for alienation, if they consequently come to be kept at a repository approved under section 33, subsection 2, managed by a municipal archivist who has been appointed under the terms of section 32, subsection 3.
SECTION 47
Other records given for storage than those referred to in section 46 shall remain intact until the moment that storage has been ended after consultation between the administrative authorities concerned.

SECTION 48
The disposal lists for records due for destruction as finalised under subsection 3 of the Public Records Decree (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees 1968, no. 200), as these read before this Act entered into force, shall remain valid until they have been replaced by disposal lists laid down pursuant to Section 5 of this Act.

SECTION 49
The authorisations granted under the terms of section 20 of the Public Records Decree, as it read before this Act entered into force, shall remain valid until they have been replaced by an authorisation issued in accordance with the provisions of section 13, subsection 3 of this Act.

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SECTION 85
Upon publication in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, the designation ‘19..’ shall be replaced by the year of the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees in which this Act is to be published and the three full stops in the designation (Bulletin of Acts and Decrees ...) as they occur in this Act shall be replaced by the number of the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees in which this Act is to be published.

SECTION 86
This Act shall enter into force on a date to determined by Royal Decree.

SECTION 87
This Act may be cited as the Public Records Act, stating the year in which it is to be published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees.

We order and command that this Act shall be published in the Bulletin of Acts and Decrees, and that all ministerial departments, authorities, bodies and officials whom it may concern shall diligently implement it.

Done at The Hague, 28 April 1995

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The State Secretary of Education, Culture and Science
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