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Dear Sir or Madam,

In the past few months the Public Prosecution Services provided a lot of information regarding the MH-17 criminal trial and your rights in this trial. One of those rights is the right to have victim-prosecutor interviews. Some of you have already exercised that right. For those next of kin (NOK) living abroad who were unable to participate in recent victim-prosecutor interviews, further advice will be disseminated in due course regarding alternative arrangements (i.e. online video interviews).

During the next stage we are preparing more specifically for the criminal trial commencing on 9 March 2020. Making an inventory of the rights that you, as victims, intend to exercise forms part of those preparations.

As victims, your rights include: the right to address the court during the trial; the right to prepare and send a written victim impact statement; the right to attend the trial and the right to submit a claim for damages. Your lawyer and/or *Slachtofferhulp Nederland* (Victim Support Netherlands) can advise and assist you with these rights.

It is the role of the Public Prosecution Services to advise the court on the specific details of the victim rights, including whether or not you intend to make use of the abovementioned rights and the manner in which they will be exercised. For this reason the prosecution has included a series of questions to illuminate this topic.

We realise that it may be difficult for you to indicate your wishes now however, we appreciate your input and kindly request completion of the attached questions. Of course, it is always possible to revise your choice at a later time.

By filling out the attached questions as accurately as possible, you will be assisting the Public Prosecution Service and Court to better decide on the manner in which victim rights may be exercised during the trial.

In the Attachment you will see four questions. Before answering we advise you to review the information leaflet sent to you on 21 September 2019. If anything remains unclear, please consult your lawyer, Victim Support Netherlands or send us a message through the MH17-mailbox (mh17@politie.nl).

Please send the completed survey either directly or via your lawyer to the following email address: slachtoffercoordinator_MH17@om.nl

Yours sincerely
Alwin Dam
(MH17 public prosecutor for the victims)

Victims Wishes form

Full Name: _____

1. Do you wish to submit a claim for damages?

- ☐ Yes, I wish to submit a claim for damages.
- ☐ I do not wish to submit a claim for damages.
- ☐ I do not know yet.

2. Do you wish to exercise your right to address the court?

- ☐ Yes, I wish to make use of my right to address the court in the court room.
- ☐ Yes, I wish to make use of my right to address the court by means of a video connection.
- ☐ Yes, I wish to make use of my right to address the court by means of a video message recorded in advance.

Please also answer the questions below in case one of the above boxes has been ticked:

- ☐ I wish to tell my story in person.
- ☐ I do not wish to tell my story in person but I wish someone else to do this on my behalf. (Please fill in the personal details of that person in case you already know who it is): ……..

- ☐ I do not wish to speak.
- ☐ I do not know yet.

3. Do you wish to submit a written victim impact statement?

- ☐ Yes, I wish to submit a written victim impact statement.
- ☐ I do not wish to submit a written victim impact statement
- ☐ I do not know yet.

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4. How do you wish to follow / to attend the trial? (You may tick more than one box)

- ☐ I wish to follow the trial (partly) via livestream.
- ☐ I wish to follow the trial (partly) in the NBC-building.
- ☐ I wish to attend the trial in the court room during one or more days.
- ☐ I do not wish to follow or attend the trial.
- ☐ I do not know yet.

Date: _____

Name and signature: _____

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Your lawyer may also complete this form, sign it and/or send it to this email address on your behalf.