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Oranjestad, Aruba

Subject: Queen Beatrix Airport of Aruba not complying with the guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

To Whom it May Concern/Dear Madam,

By means of this letter, undersigned would like to urgently ask for your attention and intervention by informing you of a very severe situation on the island of Aruba regarding the guidelines of the ICAO. This because the Queen Beatrix Airport of Aruba does not comply with the international regulations for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity and environmental protection.

The national dumping ground, locally known as Parkietenbos, is linear located within 1 kilometer of the Queen Beatrix Airport of Aruba which is against the regulations of the ICAO. The dumping ground was originally intended to be temporarily located there, but meanwhile it has become its permanent location where all waste of Aruba is dumped, causing a permanent unhealthy and inacceptable situation for the surrounding inhabitants, including the surroundings of the Queen Beatrix Airport, because i.a. of the smoke and toxic gasses. Although several official reports, including a 2018 report by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), state that the dump has reached its maximum capacity and should be closed immediately, the local authorities are ignoring all these warnings and keep dumping all waste by extending the area in the direction of the sea causing marine pollution, but also in the direction of the airport. For informational and illustrational purposes some pictures have been attached to this letter. Not only are the local authorities continuing these dumping activities, but they are also even enhancing it by installing and operating an incinerator for sludge containing e.g. human excrements. This sludge is dried in the open air not only causing stenches for all the surroundings but also attracting and enhancing flies and birds already around the landfill causing danger for air traffic.

Undersigned would like to humbly, though urgently, ask you and your competitive authorities to take a serious look into this matter.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and cooperation concerning this very important matter, and always willing to cooperate with and supply information for any investigation regarding this matter,

I remain, sincerely yours,

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Smoke from the dump next to our international airport Reina Beatrix





Birds eating from the "sludge" human feaces deposits on the terrain at Parkietenbos July 5th, 2021