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Historic climate case against Shell: Court verdict due 26 May, 1500 CET

On Wednesday 26 May a Dutch court in The Hague will give judgement in the Climate Case against Shell brought by Friends of the Earth Netherlands (Milieudefensie), 17,000 co-plaintiffs and 6 other organisations¹.

This case is unique: if successful, this will be the first legal judgement ordering a polluting transnational corporation to reduce its emissions in line with global climate goals. Friends of the Earth Netherlands is demanding that Shell's global business operations must emit 45% less CO2 by 2030. The outcome of the case is expected to impact climate policy and corporate accountability globally.

Further information

- > A verdict for the case is due on 26 May at 1500 CET
- > Key legal documents and information on the history of the case is available here https://www.foei.org/news/climate_litigation_shell
- > Friends of the Earth Netherlands/International and lawyers will provide comment immediately following the verdict and a Press conference will be held via zoom , please register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtd-mqrDMrGdXuGWax2m0veoJzhFXzkOSq>
- > If the court in The Hague broadcasts a Livestream of the verdict, follow it via: <https://milieudefensie.nl/livestream>
- > Interviews with the lawyer and Friends of the Earth International/Netherlands will be available on request

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR:

1. The co-plaintiffs are: Action Aid Netherlands, Both ENDS, Fossil Free Netherlands, Greenpeace Netherlands, Young Friends of The Earth Netherlands and the Wadden Sea Association (Waddenvereniging) and more than 17000 Dutch citizens.