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His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Kingdom of the Netherlands have recently taken a particular interest in citizen collectives ('commons') and other bottom-up initiatives that have developed over the past few years in Dutch society. They have witnessed first-hand the enthusiasm with which these collectives form, by people who are joining forces for the benefit of Dutch society as a whole. It is clear that we need to know more about the long-term potential of these collectives. Further research into how they function is therefore essential.

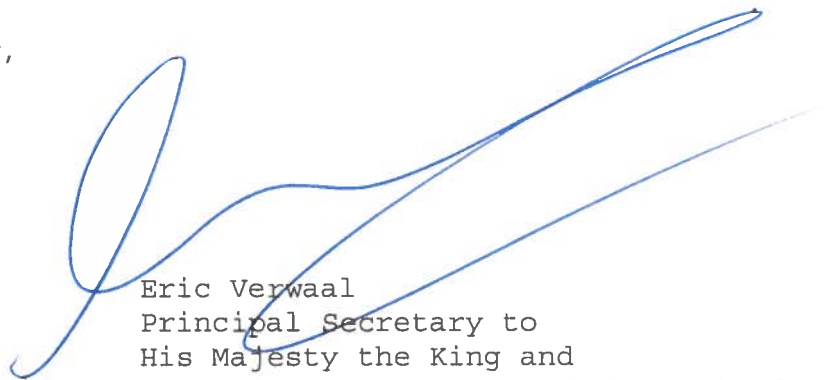
In this light, the Royal Couple has made several working visits to such collectives, for example in Rheinland-Pfalz (Germany) in October 2018. Professor Tine De Moor of Utrecht University contributed to the programme by organising a symposium on cooperatives in the Netherlands and Germany. She also delivered the keynote speech in the presence of the Royal Couple.

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In her speech she covered the current rise of cooperatives and the challenges this poses to the governments of both the Netherlands and Germany. We value Prof. De Moor's scientific work on this subject, but would also like to emphasize her willingness to suggest interesting citizen initiatives for the King and Queen to visit and make connections.

We look forward to continue to work with her in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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His Majesty the King and  
Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands