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Dear Mr. Madlener and Ossendorp,

Please be advised that I wish to share the following with you:

32 years after the crash of El Al Flight 1862 in the suburbs of Amsterdam, the accident and the aftermath still resonates among a great part of the population of the south part of Amsterdam.

Assistance to the victims and their families is, even 32 years after the accident, necessary for those who cope with physical or mental health problems that they associate with the tragedy of that aviation disaster in October 1992.

I have noticed that in the plenary session 2 on 26 November 2024 – Testimonial – Voice of the victims – no time has been reserved for an opportunity of the Bijlmer residents to speak, to share their experiences and address their short- and long term needs.

I strongly believe that the opportunity for the Bijlmer inhabitants and their organization committee Herdenking Vliegramp Bijlmermeer should not be missed: they have essential information to share with the audience and it would be an unforgettable mistake not to give them an opportunity to speak.

As a retired aircraft accident investigator in the El AL 1862 investigation in 1992-1993, and high ranking European Union Aviation Safety Agency safety Expert and member of ICAO Task Forces in the past, I have learned how important it is to respectfully communicate with those who suffered from the consequences of an aviation disaster. I have great sympathy for the courage and assistance that still needs to be given to those who need it.

I respectfully recommend giving Mr. Henk J. van de Belt and Mr. Otto Ruff, both representatives of the Bijlmermeer in Amsterdam an opportunity to speak and share their experiences with the audience of this symposium. Both can be contacted on [VliegrampBijlmer@Gmail.com](mailto:VliegrampBijlmer@Gmail.com).

Sincerely yours,

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