



Parliament of Sint Maarten

Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Minister of General Affairs,
Prime Minister W. V. Marlin

Submitted through the President of Parliament, Mrs. Sarah Wescot-Williams

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Honorable Prime Minister Marlin,

It is with great astonishment that I read the statement by the outgoing Dutch Minister for Kingdom Relations, Dr. Plasterk, titled "Government Reluctance May Stall Recovery". The article goes on further to state that refusal by the government to cooperate with conditions put forward by the Dutch Government could stall and or delay the much needed assistance from the Netherlands.

Before drawing any conclusions from these statements, I urgently put the following questions forward:

1. Has the government been apprised of these conditions and if so what EXACTLY are these conditions? Please spell these out.
2. Has government been unequivocally told that refusal to cooperate will jeopardize Dutch assistance and aid?
3. What has been government's response?
4. What are the government's objections to these conditions? Please spell these out.
5. What -if any- are the guarantees for Dutch support?
6. How much of this support has already been received in kind?
7. How many requests for aid have been submitted to the Dutch/Kingdom government for support due to the destruction by hurricane Irma on St. Maarten?
8. If indeed, as mentioned in the statement by Minister Plasterk, one of the conditions is the establishment of an Integrity Chamber and given the agreement between the Dutch and St. Maarten governments of July 6th last, what is the status of the Integrity Chamber of St. Maarten and when will Parliament receive the draft law?

It goes without saying that these questions warrant government's urgent reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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