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To:
Parliament of Sint Maarten
Attention: President of Parliament
Wilhelminastraat #1
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

Philipsburg, June 24 2019

Ref: Passport T.E. Heyliger

Dear Honorable President of Parliament,

I hereby submit to you questions directed to Prime Minister of Sint Maarten, Honorable Leona Romeo-Marlin regarding the passport of suspended Member of Parliament, Theodore E. Heyliger.

I kindly request that these be forwarded.

Respectfully,


Sarah A. Wescot-Williams
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Prime Minister of Sint Maarten
Honorable Leona Romeo-Marlin
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

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Honorable Prime Minister Romeo-Marlin,

On June 17th last, I wrote to the Minister of Justice regarding the situation of the passport of suspended Member of Parliament, Mr. Theodore E. Heyliger. From press reports then it seemed that Mr. Heyliger could not obtain his passport from the relevant authorities, which passport he needed to travel urgently for medical purposes. Shortly thereafter it appeared that the passport was given to Mr. Heyliger, who then was able to travel to Curacao.

More recently, Parliament was copied in a letter from attorney Sulvaran to your person, regarding Mr. Heyliger's application for a US visa at the US Consulate on Curacao.

What allegedly was communicated to Mr. Heyliger regarding his passport by the United States Consulate in Willemstad, is even more baffling and warrants in my opinion a thorough investigation.


A passport is an important document of citizenship, recognized by the international community for travel purposes of the individual. In our case, the passport is property of the Dutch Kingdom under the European Union. Uncertainty or doubt regarding (security of) our passport systems is a serious matter. Tampering with a passport or passport status is even more alarming.

The agencies involved with passport applications and processing include the Civil Registry/Census Office of St. Maarten.

1. Have you contacted the Civil Registry department of St. Maarten? If so, what have been their findings in this regard?
2. Have you received a follow up letter from attorney Sulvaran?
3. Has the report from the US consulate - as given to Mr. Heyliger- been corroborated?
4. Has contact been made with Interpol? If so, what have they reported back?
5. What other steps have been taken or considered by the government of St. Maarten to get to the bottom of this very perplexing situation?

Looking forward to a most urgent reply,

Respectfully,


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