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To:  
The Chairman of Parliament,  
The honorable Dr. Lloyd Richardson  
Philipsburg,  
St. Maarten.

April 14, 2015

Dear Chairman,

Enclosed please find -as agreed- my proposal for changes to the draft national ordinance "Integrity Chamber" as discussed during the Central Committee handling of this draft.

I kindly request that you urgently forward these to the Government of St. Maarten.

Kind regards,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament (DP)



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To the Government of St. Maarten,  
Attn. Prime Minister, the Honorable Marcel Gumbs  
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

April 14, 2015

Honorable Prime Minister,

As a follow up to the Central Committee's handling of the draft national ordinance "integrity chamber", please find below, as discussed, my proposals for changes to the draft in question:

- Amend the considerations under "*gelet op*" to reflect the probability that there will be no protocol arrived at with the Dutch government, either an outright deletion or in combination with article 34.
- Strike article 1, section b, sub a.  
This formulation is not suitable for a definition of an integrity breach and is too general in nature. (It is a mere establishment of a fact(?) in the view of the reporter(s) of the PWC report.)
- Expand article 33 to better explain the scope of the law as far as the coverage and timeliness is concerned. (*Overgangsrecht*).
- Consider more timely feedback to and consultation with Parliament than the bi-annual reporting alone.
- Provide more essentials (guarantees) to the Government's discretionary power to reject advices from the Chamber.
- Put the supervisory role of the "*Raad voor de Rechtshandhaving*" in the right legal context.
- Provide a delineation (*afbakening*) of competencies of and between the several institutions, especially the Ombudsman, General Audit Chamber and the Integrity Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament (DP)