

no. 6.

PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

Draft Motion

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, December 14th 2016;

Considering:

- That the Law Enforcement Council (Council) is (co)funded by the government of St. Maarten;
- That this Council is a necessary player in the system of checks and balances;
- That both solicited and unsolicited investigations by this council have lead to several reports in the area of law enforcement;
- That the parliament of St. Maarten considers the frequent and often violent robberies an attack not only on the victims of these crimes, but on the community at large;
- That the Council has investigated the approach to combatting robberies and reported its findings, based on ---"The high frequency robberies take place in Sint Maarten, thus forming a serious problem. Robberies do not only have a major impact on the victims and the sense of security in society, but also have a detrimental effect on the image and economy (including tourism) of Sint Maarten. Therefore a results-oriented approach on the combat against robberies is of great importance."

(Law Enforcement Council, October 2015, "Aanpak van de bestrijding van overvallen in Sint Maarten.")

That based on the results of its investigation, the Council has made the following recommendations:

To the Minister of Justice regarding the Police Force of Sint Maarten and the public prosecutor's office:

1. Encourage both the public prosecutor's office and the Police Force to execute more control over the current prioritization.

To the Minister of Justice regarding the Police Force of Sint Maarten:

2. See to it as soon as possible that the Special Unit Robberies has the basic resources it needs (including in any case, hard drives, laptops and official cars) to perform the job.

3. Evaluate the current capacity of the Special Unit Robberies and ensure that the team has an adequate formation.
 4. Review how the Special Unit Robberies can permanently have the necessary analyst(s) at its disposal.
 5. Evaluate the current approach of the Special Unit Robberies to combat robberies.
 6. With due regard to the results of the evaluation, review how the approach on the combat against robberies can benefit from an instruction.
 7. See to a better registration of robberies in order to get, and keep up-to-date, more understanding and insight of the nature and extent of the crime.
 8. See to it that training in dossiers formation will be available to those members of the Special Unit Robberies which have not been able to follow this course.
- (Law Enforcement Council, October 2015, "Aanpak van de bestrijding van overvallen in Sint Maarten)

Resolves:

- To instruct the Minister to within 60 days present to the parliament of St. Maarten a detailed plan of approach with a realistic time line of steps and further necessary activities to accomplish the recommendations in the report "Aanpak van de bestrijding van overvallen in Sint Maarten." (Approach to combatting robberies on St. Maarten).

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to:

The Government of St. Maarten

The Governor of St. Maarten

The Attorney General

The VJO (Justice Ministers of Aruba, Curaçao and the Netherlands)

The Law Enforcement Council





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Friday, December 16, 2016, Public Meeting no. 7
Voting list

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel		
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7.	<i>Silveria E. Jacobs</i>		
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11.	<i>William V. Marlin</i>		
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