

Draft Motion

The Parliament of Sint Maarten, in its meeting of today, September 25, 2019;

CONSIDERING:

- That the Government of Sint Maarten, the Leona Marlin-Romeo II Cabinet, lost its majority support in Parliament on September 9th, 2019, when MP Franklin Meyers publicly stated on the floor of Parliament that he was no longer supporting the Government, and that he could no longer remain a part of the ruling coalition;
- That two days later, on September 11, 2019, MP Franklin Meyers confirmed his withdrawal of support from the Government in writing and confirmed that he was now an Independent Member of Parliament;
- That for more than a week, the Leona Marlin-Romeo Cabinet II continued to function in office and take decisions, as if all was well;
- That the loss of support of the Leona Marlin-Romeo II Cabinet, which went on for 2 weeks, without a reaction or move on the part of Government, created a serious sense of insecurity among the people of Sint Maarten, as it left the country without a legitimate government, strongly jeopardizing the recovery of Sint Maarten, that was already moving at a very slow pace;
- That on Sunday, September 22nd, 2019, 9 Members of Parliament, 5 of the National Alliance, 2 of the United St. Maarten Party and 2 Independent Members: Luc Mercelina and Chanel Brownbill signed a declaration informing the Governor, the Parliament and the Government that there was a new majority in Parliament prepared to support a new Government for Sint Maarten;
- That it was only following the announcement that a new majority had been formed in Parliament, that was prepared to support a new government for Sint Maarten, that the Council of Ministers hurriedly got together to take a decision to invoke article 59 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten and dissolve Parliament and announce snap elections to be held in November of 2019;
- That this politically motivated decision is further setting the recovery of Sint Maarten back and is a clear misuse and abuse of the Constitution;
- That there is no conflict between Parliament and Government, and that, therefore, there is no issue to be put before the people for the people to decide upon in snap elections; the coalition crumbled on its own, imploded and fell apart;
- The decision to dissolve Parliament at this time and saddle the people with another election is selfish, politically motivated and a blatant abuse of our Constitution.

RESOLVES:

- To strongly condemn the decision of the majority in the Council of Ministers to invoke Article 59 of our Constitution and to declare that the following Ministers: Prime Minister Leona Marlin-Romeo, Minister Wycliff Smith, Minister Perry Geerlings, Minister

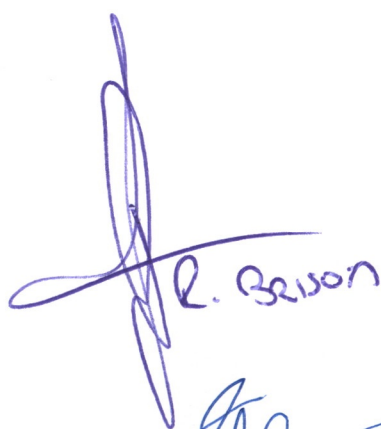
Stuart Johnson, Minister Van Hugh Cornelius de Weever, Minister Plenipotentiary Mrs. Jorien Wuite and Deputy Minister Plenipotentiary Mr. Michael Somersall, no longer enjoy the confidence of Parliament:

- To further establish that the Prime Minister, Mrs. Leona Marlin-Romeo, and the Minister of Justice, Mr. Van Hugh Cornelius de Weever, be removed from office effective immediately;
- To instruct the Caretaker Council of Ministers not to take any decisions, collectively nor individually, to appoint or dismiss any members from any Supervisory Board or Management Board of any Government owned company or entity, such as, but not limited to: GEBE, Telem, the Airport Holding Company, the Airport Operating Company, St. Maarten Housing Development Foundation and the Harbor Group of Companies;
- To instruct the Caretaker Council of Ministers not to take any decisions, collectively nor individually, reference to the appoint of Directors, Consultants and personnel in general;
- To instruct the Caretaker Council or Ministers not to enter into any contracts with third parties, neither collectively nor individually;

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to:

The Governor of Sint Maarten
The Government of Sint Maarten
The Parliaments of the Countries in the Kingdom
The Governments of the Countries in the Kingdom



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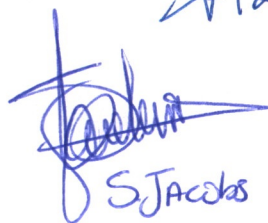
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Christopher Evers



S. Jacobs



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W. Martin



PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 14.00 hrs.
Continuation Public Meeting, no. 35 (PY 2018-2019)
Voting list

motion no. 1

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		—
2.	Sidhearth M. Bijlani		—
3.	Rolando Brison	✓	
4.	Chanel E. Brownbill	✓	
5.	Egbert J. Doran	✓	
⑥	Christophe T. Emmanuel	✓	
7.	Ardwell M.R. Irion	✓	
8.	Silveria E. Jacobs	✓	
9.	Tamara E. Leonard		—
10.	William V. Martin	✓	
11.	Luc F.E. Mercelina	✓	
12.	Frans G. Richardson	✓	
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