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To the Hon. Minister of Justice
Mr. D.L. Richardson
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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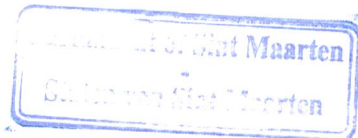
Re: Questions MP Leona Marlin-Romeo

Hon. Minister Richardson,

Herewith I submit to you questions by the Member of Parliament, Mrs. Leona M. Marlin Romeo, pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten and article 69 of the Rules of Order of Parliament.

The letter is self-explanatory.

L.J. Richardson, MD
President of Parliament



From The Desk of Independent Member of Parliament

Leona Marlin-Romeo

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Dear Honorable Chairman,

"The Convention on Road Traffic, commonly known as the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic, is an international treaty designed to facilitate international road traffic and to increase road safety by establishing standard traffic rules among the contracting parties. The convention was agreed upon at the United Nations Economic and Social Council's Conference on Road Traffic (7 October – 8 November 1968) and concluded in Vienna on 8 November 1968. It came into force on 21 May 1977. The convention has been ratified by 73 countries, but those who have not ratified the convention may still be parties to the 1949 Convention on Road Traffic." "The Convention had amendments on 3 September 1993 and 28 March 2006. There is a European Agreement supplementing the Convention on Road Traffic (1968), which was concluded in Geneva, on 1 May 1971. Note that before 29 March 2011 the Article demanded Contracting Parties to recognize as valid for driving in their territories:

- any domestic driver's licence drawn up in their national language or in one of their national languages, or, if not drawn up in such a language, accompanied by a certified translation;
- any domestic driver's license conforming to the provisions of Annex 6 to the Convention; and
- any international driver's document conforming to the provisions of Annex 7 to the Convention." Wikipedia

Honorable Chairman, with the aforementioned in mind and the complaints from residents with foreign driver's licenses it is with the utmost importance that the questions posed below be answered by the Minister of Justice regarding Sint Maarten's signatory status of the Vienna Convention on Road Traffic and Sint Maarten establishing/enforcing its own rules on the acceptance of foreign drivers licenses since obtaining separate status as of October 10th 2010.

1. Is Sint Maarten a signatory of the Convention?
2. Has Sint Maarten created its own standards for accepting foreign driver's licenses? For example that of all Caricom countries
3. Has the Minister considered having drivers licenses fall under the authority of one Ministry?
4. Has the Minister established the new International Drivers Licenses, established in the same Convention on Road Traffic?
5. If not when will it be created? What has been the deterrence in offering persons with a valid driver's license the possibility of an international driver's license for international travel usage?

Awaiting an answer from the honorable Minister through the Chairman of Parliament.

Yours truly,


Independent Member of Parliament
Leona Marlin-Romeo