



PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 14.00 hrs.

Public Meeting no. 31

Voting list

motion # 1

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Rolando Brison	✓	
2.	Akeem E. Arrindell	✓	
3.	Sidharth M. Bijlani	✓	
4.	Claudius A. Buncamper	✓	
5.	Solange L. Duncan	✓	
6.	Christophe T. Emmanuel	✓	
7.	Melissa D. Gumbs	✓	
8.	Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	✓	
9.	William V. Marlin	✓	
10.	Omar E.C. Otley	✓	
11.	George C. Pantophlet	✓	
12.	Raeyhon A. Peterson	✓	
13.	Hyacinth L. Richardson	✓	
14.	Angelique J.G. Romou	✓	
15.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams	✓	

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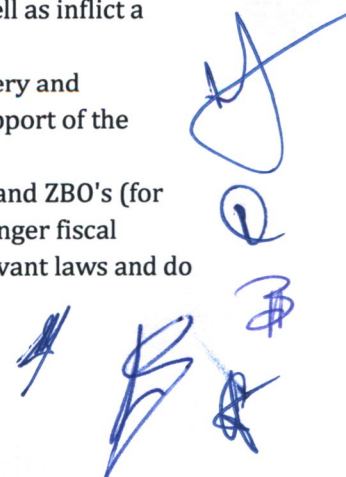
The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, Wednesday July 8th, 2020,

Considering:

- That on July 7th, 2020 the Prime Minister of St. Maarten sent a confidential proposal to Parliament which was received from the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations, for perusal;
- That this proposal aims at establishing a new entity, "Caribische Hervormingsentiteit" by means of a Consensus Kingdom Law, for the disbursing of funds in relation to the third tranche of liquidity support to Sint Maarten, Aruba and Curacao;
- That a political agreement on establishing this new entity is expected from the governments of Sint Maarten, Aruba and Curacao, before Friday July 10, 2020;
- That the assistance offered through this new entity is in reality a takeover of St. Maarten's autonomy in disguise;
- That through this new entity, the Dutch government seeks to impose an extra layer of governance, by their own fashion and design, which will void the political responsibility of our Council of Ministers, while reducing Parliament's ability to hold government accountable, to zero;
- That proper procedures for the approval of a Consensus Kingdom Law, are not being followed;
- That the Parliament of Sint Maarten is against linking NON financial conditions for Covid-19 liquidity support, which is actually a loan;
- That first, foremost, and at all times, the Parliament of St. Maarten represents and protects the interests of the people of Sint Maarten, and should treat these interests as paramount;
- That the Parliament of St. Maarten is committed to securing assistance from the Government of the Netherlands in accordance with the relevant regulations within the Kingdom Charter, the Sint Maarten Constitution and in accordance with international laws and treaties;
- That the Parliament of St. Maarten is appreciative of said assistance as long as providing such does not violate the right of the people of Sint Maarten to self-determination and a full measure of self-government;
- That the proposal by State Secretary Knops for the establishment of said entity is a blatant intrusion into the autonomy of St. Maarten and her people, and aims at imposing policy and political measures on the government and Parliament of Sint Maarten;

Resolves:

- To support the decision of the Government of Sint Maarten to reject the conditions as presented in the "Concept Rijkswet Caribische Hervormingsentiteit"
- To request the Government to present a counterproposal to the Kingdom Council of Ministers;
- To urge the Government to dialogue with the Government of the Netherlands on the procurement of financing devoid of conditions that will trample on local and international laws as well as inflict a negative socio-economic impact on the lives of the people of St. Maarten;
- To urge Government to create, within three (3) weeks' time, a socio-economic recovery and development strategy in order to secure supplementary financing options for the support of the livelihoods of the people of St. Maarten
- To urge Government to explore the feasibility of having government-owned entities and ZBO's (for example, SZV) hold partial government assets in order to bring government to a stronger fiscal position while reducing government's debt ratio, insofar as they comply with all relevant laws and do



not hurt the viability of their funds. Action in this regard should only be taken after in-depth financial due diligence of the respective entities is conducted.

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion to be sent to:

The Government of Sint Marten
The Governments of Aruba, Curacao and the Netherlands
The Parliaments of Aruba and Curacao
The First and Second Chamber of the Netherlands



Handwritten signatures in blue ink, including the name Buncamper.