



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

Chairperson of Parliament of Sint Maarten

Philipsburg, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Dear Chairperson:

I hereby submit to you questions directed to the Minister of General Affairs, Mr. William Marlin regarding the draft motion of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 and kindly request that these be forwarded.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament of Sint Maarten

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Minister of General Affairs  
The Honorable Mr. William Marlin

Philipsburg, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Dear Minister Marlin :

Please finds attached a copy of the motion of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, unanimously adopted by the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

As per same motion, the deadline set by Parliament to be informed of the execution of this motion was February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

Could you apprise Parliament of the status of the subject matter and government's actions in this regard?

Respectfully



Sarah A. Wescot-Williams  
Member of Parliament of Sint Maarten

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## PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

### Draft Motion

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2016;

#### Considering:

- That the screening of candidate ministers for St. Maarten presently takes place on the basis of the national decree dated May 22, 2013 (L.B-13/0442) , establishing:
  - Guidelines regarding the incompatibilities a/o potential conflict of interests;
  - The integrity declaration;
  - The questionnaire for candidate ministers.
- That following one's appointment as minister, the national ordinance Integrity of Ministers (AB 2010, no. 22) applies, governing disclosure etc. by ministers during and at the end of his/her tenure.
- That many changes have taken place since October 10, 2010 as far as filling the 7 ministerial posts of government.
- The the perception exists that on the basis of the current screening procedure, there is potentially room for subjectivity by those agencies involved in the screening of candidate ministers.
- That in any case, the screening of candidate ministers, in the opinion of the parliament, should be regulated by national ordinance;
- That a draft ordinance to this effect is available in the government bureaucracy;



Resolves:

- To instruct the government of St. Maarten to present the(a) draft legislation regulating integrity of ministers, which should includes the screening, disclosure etc of the (candidate) ministers to Parliament for Parliament's scrutiny, following the necessary legislative steps and by February 1, 2017 inform the Parliament of the results of this action.

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 Kingdom Government

The Government of Curacao

The Government of Aruba

The Parliament of Aruba

The Parliament of Curaçao

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**PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN**  
Friday, December 16, 2016, Public Meeting no. 7  
Voting list

*motion no. 4*

| NO. | NAME                           | VOOR/FOR | TEGEN/AGAINST |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| 1.  | drs. Rodolphe E. Samuel        |          |               |
| 2.  | <i>Sidhant M. Biglani</i>      |          |               |
| 3.  | <i>Chanel E. Brownbill</i>     |          |               |
| 4.  | <i>Clarek M.M. Connor</i>      |          |               |
| 5.  | <i>Christophe T. Emmanuel</i>  |          |               |
| 6.  | <i>Arduwell M.R. Trien</i>     |          |               |
| 7.  | <i>Silveria E. Jacobs</i>      |          |               |
| 8.  | <i>Emil Lee</i>                |          |               |
| 9.  | <i>Tamara E. Leonard</i>       |          |               |
| 10. | <i>Silvio J. Matser</i>        |          |               |
| 11. | <i>William V. Marlin</i>       |          |               |
| 12. | <i>Franklin A. Meyers</i>      |          |               |
| 13. | <i>Frans G. Richardson</i>     |          |               |
| 14. | <i>Sarah A. Wexel-Williams</i> |          |               |
| 15. |                                |          |               |

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