



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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To:
The Prime Minister of St. Maarten,
The Honorable Marcel F Gumbs
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg, St. Maarten

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Honorable Prime Minister Gumbs,

Your captioned letter has been received in good order,
I thank the government for including some of my proposals in the "Nota van Wijziging" and for the in-depth response to my letter dated April 16th, and the suggestions contained therein.
Allow me to react:

I can now concur with your argumentation NOT to amend article 1, sub b under a of the draft ordinance.

With respect to article 33 and my proposal to further elucidate this article, I wish to solicit the assistance of government in drafting an amendment to further clarify the workings of this article.

Article 29: After due consideration, I can live with the biannual reporting by the Integrity Chamber as I leave it to the discretion of that body to additionally inform Parliament of any matter that requires the attention of Parliament, especially in the initial period of operations.

Article 24: I concur with government's view, to have at least a window for final scrutiny by the Executive branch of government and would only suggest that the word *gemotiveerd* be preceded by *uitvoerig*.

With respect to the position of the Chamber vis-a-vis other constitutional institutions, I can agree, as in my opinion article 25 places the onus of that distinction on the integrity Chamber.

I end with again expressing my appreciation for Government's candid response and await your proposal for amending article 33, which will then be put to Parliament.

Respectfully


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Member of Parliament (DP)

CC. Parliament of St. Maarten.