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Draft Motion

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, Wednesday September 30th, 2015:

CONSIDERING:

- The views and opinions expressed by Attorney General mr. Guus Schram on September 11th, 2015 on the occasion of the swearing in of a new judge, mr. Sander van Rijen;
- His expressed view that "the underworld and legitimate society in Sint Maarten are structurally intertwined;
- That with this remark, the Attorney General accused teachers, nurses, bank employees, bus drivers, construction workers, hotel employees, parents and church goers; the entire legitimate society of Sint Maarten of being mixed up with the criminal underworld or at any rate as supporters and or tolerant of criminal activities in Sint Maarten;
- That the Parliament of Sint Maarten cannot stand by idly and silently when someone in authority who lives outside of St. Maarten and who does not know our society makes statements that implicates the legitimate society in Sint Maarten in accommodating or tolerating criminal activities;
- That three independent extensive blue-ribbon reports regarding integrity in St.
 Maarten were recently published and none of these reports support the
 irresponsible statements made by Attorney General Schram that the legitimate
 society of Sint Maarten is intertwined with the criminal underworld;
- That the legitimate society of Sint Maarten consists of God-fearing, respectful law abiding citizens and the remarks made by Attorney General Guus Schram are insulting, degrading and unacceptable to the people of Sint Maarten.
- That the Attorney General is the Top Crime Fighter Authority in Sint Maarten and responsible for combatting crime in all its aspects, and that in his remarks on September 11th, 2015 he stated: "The Public Prosecutor's Office is responsible for and in charge of the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses";
- That over many years numerous suspicious unusual transactions have been reported and submitted by the Bureau of Unusual Transactions (MOT) to the Prosecutor's Office for further investigation and that none were pursued by the Prosecutor's Office, that same Attorney General, Mr. Guus Schram is responsible for;

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- That it is the lack of action by the office of the Attorney General to investigate suspicious crimes, in that perpetuates rumours of criminal activities in Sint Maarten:
- That to accuse the legitimate society of Sint Maarten as being intertwined with the underworld in an attempt to hide the failures of the Attorney General to investigate rumours that reflect negatively on the entire society, is despicable and unacceptable and makes it impossible for mr. Schram to continue to be the Top Crime Fighter Authority in Sint Maarten:
- That Sint Maarten has been clamoring for an Attorney General who lives on Sint Maarten, who is part of the community of Sint Maarten and who has the best interest of Sint Maarten at heart and which would therefore lead to a better functioning Prosecutor's Office in Sint Maarten.

RESOLVES:

- To strongly condemn and repudiate the remarks made by Attorney General mr. Guus Schram that the underworld and legitimate society in Sint Maarten are structurally intertwined:
- To call on the competent authorities to invite Attorney General mr. Guus Schram to tender his resignation as Attorney General;
- To call on the Government of Sint Maarten to demand that the Attorney General of Sint Maarten lives and works on Sint Maarten as a member of the legitimate society of Sint Maarten, committed to fighting crime and defending the reputation of our country.

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 Government of the Netherlands

The Kingdom Council of Ministers

The Government of Aruba

The Government of Curacao

The First and Second Chambers of the Netherlands

The Parliaments of Aruba and Curação

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STATEN VAN SINT MAARTEN Wednesday, September 30, 2015, Public Meeting no. 05 **Voting list**

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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	Lloyd J. Richardson, MD	+	
2.	Silveria Jacobs	+	
3.	Frans Richardson	+	
4.	Christophe Emmanul	+	
5.	George Pantophlet	+	
6.	Silvio Matser	+	
7.	William Marlin	+	
8.	Sarah Wescot-Williams	+	
9.	Jamara Leonard	+	
10.	Leona Martin Romeo	+	
11.	Van Hugh de Weever	4	
12.	Eranklin Meyers	+	
13.	Maurice Lake	+	
14.	Johan E. Leonard	+	
15.	Theodore Heighiger	+	

Jo strongly condemn and repudiate the remarks made by Attorney General mr. Guus Scham