

Motion no. 1

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its Public meeting of today, Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Considering:

- that a daily and quick ferry connection between the islands will create a true water highway for passengers, cars and trucks between the islands and thus will provide an unprecedented new dimension to the economic development of the islands, with an expected positive impetus including activity, employment and tourism;
- that as a result of the Agreement list of the Interparliamentary Kingdom Consultations held in Sint Maarten in 2012, motions were adopted in the respective Parliaments as well as in the Second Chamber, with the purpose to investigate the feasibility of a fast ferry connection for transportation of people and goods between Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire;
- that subsequently a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by officials from Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire;
- that there is now a concrete and detailed plan on the table, of which a presentation was given during the IPKO held in Aruba in January 2015;
- that, given the interest in the Windward Islands and the result of the amassed experiences and knowledge of the current feasibility study, the scope of the project -the creation of water-highways between the islands- can be expanded; After all, an economically viable water highway between St. Maarten, Saba, St. Eustatius and surrounding islands can be tested quickly and easily.

Resolves:

To underscore the desirability of establishing fast ferry connections between Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire, respectively, between St. Maarten, Saba and St. Eustatius (and surrounding islands.

And goes over to the order of the day.

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- The First and Second Chamber of the Netherlands
- The Parliament of Aruba
- The Parliament of Curaçao
- The Government of Sint Maarten
- The Government of the Netherlands
- The Government of Aruba
- The Government of Curaçao





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NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
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9.	Maurice A. Lake		
10.	Keana M. Marlin-Rones		
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12.	Silvio J. Makser		
13.	Johan E. Leonard		
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