

PETITION TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF SINT MAARTEN

Dear Ministers

Sint Maarten, January 12, 2012

On behalf of the social organizations in Sint Maarten we want your attention and action for the following.

Cognisant of the fact that country Sint Maarten only now got the responsibility according to article 43 sub 1 of the Charter of the Kingdom to realize all human rights here in Sint Maarten, because of the unequal and discriminatory implementation of the economic, social and cultural rights in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and realizing that it is the Kingdom government that has to guarantee the non-discriminatory and equal implementation throughout the Kingdom of the Netherlands, we have send attached letter to the Kingdom Council of Ministers today January 12, 2012.

On behalf of the members of our organizations and their family members and the people of Sint Maarten we want you to instruct the Minister Plenipotenciary who is a member of the Kingdom Council of Ministers to address our desire to put an end to the discriminatory systems of health care and social provisions in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and to guarantee all citizens of the Kingdom equal rights, also when they choose to live here in Sint Maarten.

As poverty is a violation of the human right to an adequate standard of living for one's health and wellbeing and of our dignity, and cognicent of the fact that with the CFT and the limited balanced budget of Sint Maarten we cannot come out of poverty, we support you the government of Sint Maarten in your demand of the Kingdom Council of Ministers, as is required from all State parties that ratified this International Covenant, to take steps "to the maximum of its available resources" to guarantee us equal rights.