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## MINISTER OF GENERAL AFFAIRS

Minister van Algemene Zaken

To the President of Parliament of St. Maarten, Mr drs. R.E. Samuel, Wilhelminastraat # 1, Philipsburg, ST MAARTEN.

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Philipsburg, MAY 2 1 2013

Subject: your letter of may 17, 2013 with as subject "Opinion of the occurrences leading up to the events of Monday, May 13, 2013".

Dear Mr Samuel,

With reference to your abovementioned letter, I inform you as follows.

In accordance with the advice of the department of legal affairs, the motion of 'non confidence' that was approved in the meeting of parliament on Monday May 13, 2013, is binding.

Therefore the members of the Council of Ministers no longer enjoy the support of the majority in parliament and need to tender their resignation.

Please find attached a copy of the advice of the department of legal affairs on this development.

Sincerely,

MINISTER OF GENERAL AFAIRS,

Sarah Wescot-Williams

Minister of General Affairs