

## PRIME MINISTER OF SINT MAARTEN

Minister President van Sint Maarten

Minister of VROMI, Honorable Minister W. Marlin Present.

Philipsburg, May 27th, 2013

Subject: your letter of May 27th, 2013 requesting an additional point to the agenda of the Council of Ministers' Meeting.

Honorable Minister Marlin,

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, requesting- on behalf of yourself and 3 other ministers- an additional point to the agenda for tomorrow's Council of Ministers' meeting. Along with your letter is the advice:"Dissolution of Parliament in accordance with article 59 of the Constitution of St. Maarten". Based on your letter I want to inform you as follows.

By letter of May 17<sup>th</sup>, you made a similar request for the meeting of May 21<sup>st</sup>. In the meeting I elucidated my reasons for not placing the requested advice on the agenda of the Council of Ministers. I further motivated this decision by submitting the relevant legal advices as received by me. My decision lead to the abandonment of the meeting of the Council of Ministers by 4 Ministers.

The reasons provided by me for not handling the request remain intact today. in fact are strengthened by more recent developments, such as resignation of the cabinet of ministers.

Thus your request for this agenda point, an agenda point within the purview of the Minister of General Affairs, cannot be complied with.

Respectfully,

PRIME MINISTER

Sarah Wescot-Williams

Prime Minister of Sint Maarten