



# Parliament of Sint Maarten

## Staten van Sint Maarten

To the Hon. Members of Parliament  
**Philipsburg**

Philipsburg, May 21, 2013

Re: Continuation Public Meeting no. 6

Hon. Members of Parliament,

As Vice President of Parliament, I hereby would like to inform you that Public Meeting no. 6, which was adjourned on Monday, May 20, 2013 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, will reconvene on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 10.00 hours in the A.C. Wathey Legislative Hall at the Clem Labega Square.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. The recent political developments which are taking place in Sint Maarten.
2. Establishing that Minister W. Marlin, Minister R. Tuitt, Minister R. Duncan Minister R. Pantophlet and Minister S. Jacobs no longer enjoy majority support from the Parliament of St. Maarten.

Agenda point 1 was requested by the Members of Parliament G.C. Pantophlet, L.E. Laveist, and F.G. Richardson, (IS/614/12-13, dated May 6, 2013).

Agenda point 2 was requested by the Members of Parliament R.R. Marlin, P.L. de Weever, J.E. Leonard and G.R. Arrindell (IS/622/12-13 dated May 7, 2013 and IS/626/12-13 dated May 9, 2013).

The allotted time is 20 minutes in the first round and 10 minutes in the second round.

This meeting is being convened due to the fact that Parliament must be enabled to provide its position on the current political situation in our country. Parliamentarians of this country are being silenced and sidelined by the manner in which the meetings are currently being conducted by the Chairman, drs. R. E. Samuel.

As recently as last year, a somewhat similar situation took place on Curacao, with the exception being that on Curacao the Chairman refused to convene the meeting and here the Chairman convenes the meeting.

However, it is the opinion of the undersigned, Vice Chairman of Parliament, that it is not only about convening the meeting, but also that members of Parliament must be granted the opportunity to debate, deliberate and make decisions.

After having this meeting originally convened on May, 13 2013, then on May 17, 2013 and May 20, 2013, the meetings were adjourned by the Chair without the members been granted the opportunity to take part in the proceedings.



Taking into consideration that article 27, sub 3, of the rules of order of Parliament states that the meeting must be convened within 14 days upon receipt of a written request by Members of Parliament for a meeting;

Taking into consideration the precedent of the meeting convened in Curacao on October 3rd 2012;

and in order to break the current political impasse, uphold the rule of law, and secure the functioning of democracy in this young nation;

I have, as Vice-chairman, decided to convene the meeting for May 23, 2013,

due to the fact that the legal time limit within which the meeting should have been held has expired as of May 21, 2013 and there is absolutely no surety that the convocation received for Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, will change the stance of the Chairman of Parliament and allow the meeting to take place.


You are therefore invited to attend a public meeting of Parliament to be held at the following location.

Date: May 23, 2013

Place: A.C. Wathey Legislative Hall

Government Administration Building Clem Labega Square

Time: 10.00 am

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and strokes, positioned above the printed name and title.

Romain J. Laville  
Vice president of Parliament