

PETITION TO THE KINGDOM COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Dear Ministers of the Dutch Council of Ministers

And Minister Plenipotentiaries of Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten.

Sint Maarten, January 12, 2012

On behalf of the social organizations in Sint Maarten we want you to address as soon as possible the inequality and discrimination in the implementation of the economic, social and cultural rights in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

All citizens of the state party the Kingdom of the Netherlands are entitled to a non-discriminatory implementation of this treaty throughout the Kingdom. Guaranteeing a non-discriminatory application of these social securities and rights as to the CDESCR-treaty is a matter of the Kingdom Government. It is the Kingdom government according to the Charter of the Kingdom that has to guarantee these rights in its entirety in all parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands without restrictions and exceptions, according to Art 28 of the Convention on Economic Social Cultural Rights Convention and Article 29 of the Treaty of Vienna.

Convention on Economic Social Cultural Rights Art 28

The provisions of the present Covenant shall extend to all parts of federal States without limitations or exceptions

Vienna Convention Art 29

Unless a different intention appears from the treaty or is otherwise established, a treaty is binding upon each party in respect of its entire territory.

On behalf of the members of our organizations and their family members and the people of Sint Maarten we want you 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 wherever we want to live in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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, we 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.