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OPROEPING

Bij exploit dd. **1^e & 2^e augustus 2024**, afschrift waarvan is gelaten aan de Off. van Justitie op St.Maarten, heb ik, *Solange M. APON*, deurwaarder op St. Maarten, Saba en St. Eustatius.

Opgeroepen: De gezamenlijke erven van wijlen James Emanuel Dollison, Jimmy Christian Dollison en Suly Osvaldo Dollison zonder bekende woon of verblijfplaats op St. Maarten of elders, om op

dinsdag de 12^e november 2024 te 08:30 uur voormiddag ter terechtzitting van het gerecht in eerste aanleg op het eiland St.Maarten, ten Raadhuize aan de Frontstreet te verschijnen, om te antwoorden op de vordering van

Justinien Joe wonende op St. Maarten, domicilie kiezende ten kantore van de advocaat mr. Nerissa de la Rosa, op St. Maarten alhier, te antwoorden

(AR 162/24 – SXM 2024-888)

De deurwaarder S.M. APON

OPROEPING

Bij exploit dd. **2^e augustus 2024**, afschrift waarvan is gelaten aan de Off. van Justitie op St.Maarten, heb ik, *Solange M. APON*, deurwaarder op St. Maarten, Saba en St. Eustatius.

Opgeroepen: De gezamenlijke erven van wijlen James Emanuel Dollison, Jimmy Christian Dollison en Suly Osvaldo Dollison zonder bekende woon of verblijfplaats op St. Maarten of elders, om op

dinsdag de 26^e november 2024 te 08:30 uur voormiddag ter terechtzitting van het gerecht in eerste aanleg op het eiland St.Maarten, ten Raadhuize aan de Frontstreet te verschijnen, om te antwoorden op de vordering van

Justinien Joe wonende op St. Maarten, domicilie kiezende ten kantore van de advocaat mr. Nerissa de la Rosa, op St. Maarten alhier, te antwoorden

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De deurwaarder S.M. APON

CURATELE

Bij beschikking van de E.A. heer Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg, zittingsplaats St. Maarten, van 26e juli 2024, is **Shirley Jeanette Carti**, geboren 27e oktober 1947 op Aruba en wonende op St. Maarten, onder curatele gesteld met benoeming tot curator: **Cami Hypolite Carti**

De deurwaarder S.M. APON

OPROEPING

Bij exploit dd. **9^e augustus 2024**, afschrift waarvan is gelaten aan de Off. van Justitie op St.Maarten, heb ik, *Solange M. APON*, deurwaarder op St. Maarten, Saba en St. Eustatius. Met een verbeterings exploit;

Opgeroepen:

Patrick Bienvenido John Gysbertha ingeschreven op St. Maarten maar thans zonder bekende woon of verblijfplaats op St. Maarten of elders, om op

maandag de 4^e november 2024 te 10:30 uur voormiddag ter terechtzitting van het gerecht in eerste aanleg op het eiland St.Maarten, ten Raadhuize aan de Frontstreet te verschijnen, om te antwoorden op de vordering van

Narivia Herenia Floranus eiser, te antwoorden

(E 58/24 – SXM 2024-628)

De deurwaarder S.M. APON

OPROEPING

Bij exploit van de 9^e augustus 2024, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Mark John Rabess, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, St. Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van St. Maarten, wonende op Sint Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op Sint Maarten, gevolg gevend aan de beschikking van 1^e augustus 2024 van de Edelachtbare Heer Rechter in het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba, **DE ERFGENAMEN VAN MARY KNIGHT**, geboorte- en sterfdatum en laatste woon- of verblijfplaats onbekend, **OPGEROEPEN**, om op dinsdag, **26 november 2024**, des voormiddags te 8:30 uur te verschijnen ten Raadhuize te Philipsburg op St. Maarten om te antwoorden op de vordering van **FRESCAVENA EVLYN BROWN**, wonende aan de Brown Drive # 19 te Middle Region op Sint Maarten.

AR 6/24 – SXM202400080

De deurwaarder, Mark John Rabess

AANKONDIGING

Bij exploit van 1^e augustus 2024, van de ondergetekende deurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de officier van Justitie op St. Maarten die het oorspronkelijk voor "gezien" heeft getekend, ten verzoeken van **CORDELLA CHRISANDRA BROOKS**, wonende in Sint Maarten, die voor deze zaak tot het uiteinde der executie domicilie kiest ten kantore van mij, deurwaarder, alsmede ten kantore van de gemachtigde advocate mr. N.C. De La Rosa, kantoorhoudende aan de Kings of the Sea Road # 1-B, U.P.Q. te Sint Maarten, ten laste van **KELVIN ALLISTER JOSEPH**, wonende in Sint Maarten,

BETEKEND: VONNIS VAN HET GERECHT IN EERSTE AANLEG VAN SINT MAARTEN, beschikking dd. 25 juni 2024.

De deurwaarder, Mark John Rabess

AANKONDIGING

Bij exploit van 9^e augustus 2024, van de ondergetekende deurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de officier van Justitie op Sint Maarten die het oorspronkelijk voor "gezien" heeft getekend, ten verzoeken van **EUGENIA ZUERETA PEMBERTON**, wonende op Sint Maarten, die voor deze zaak tot het uiteinde der executie domicilie kiest ten kantore van mij, deurwaarder, alsmede ten kantore van de gemachtigde advocaat R.E. Duncan, kantoorhoudende aan de C.A. Cannegieterstreet 46 te Philipsburg, Sint Maarten, ten laste van **YVAN SERGE THOMAS**, wonende te 8 Residence Les Jardin d'Agreement, Marigot, 97150, Saint Martin,

BETEKEND: VONNIS VAN HET GERECHT IN EERSTE AANLEG VAN SINT MAARTEN, beschikking dd. 6 augustus 2024 (bij vervroeging).

De deurwaarder, Mark John Rabess

OPROEPING

Bij exploit van de 9^e augustus 2024, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Danica E.N. Zichem, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten, wonende op Sint Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op Sint Maarten, gevolgd gevend aan de beschikking van 8^e augustus 2024 van de E. A. Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten,

DE VENNOOTSCHAP NAAR HET RECHT VAN ANGUILLA ANTILLES MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISES LIMITED, niet geregistreerd bij de Kamer van Koophandel en derhalve geen bekend adres op Sint Maarten,
OPGEROEPEN, om op vrijdag, **18 oktober 2024**, des voormiddags te 08:30 uur te verschijnen ten Raadhuize te Philipsburg op Sint Maarten om te antwoorden op de vordering van **MEVROUW PATRICIA MARIE JEANNE LOIGEROT**, wonende te Rhine Road, Unit 24 Rainbow Beach Club West te Sint Maarten, te dezer zake domicilie kiezende ten kantore van de advocate Vivian C. Choennie aan de Welfare Road 16, Laguna View Commercial Building te Cole Bay op Sint Maarten **KG 73/24-SXM202400946**

De deurwaarder, Danica E.N. Zichem

OPROEPING

Bij exploit van de 9^e augustus 2024, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Danica E.N. Zichem, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten, wonende op Sint Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op Sint Maarten, gevolgd gevend aan de beschikking van 8^e augustus 2024 van de E. A. Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten,

1. DE HEER ROBERT B. STEGGERT EN 2. MEVROUW JANET MAE BUTCHER, beiden zonder bekende woon- of verblijfplaats in Sint Maarten,

OPGEROEPEN, om op vrijdag, **11 oktober 2024**, des voormiddags te 08:30 uur te verschijnen ten Raadhuize te Philipsburg op Sint Maarten om te antwoorden op de vordering van

DE HEER HENRI BROOKSON, woonachtig te Sint Maarten, ten dezen zaak domicilie kiezende te Philipsburg aan de Falcon Drive 2 te Harbour View, ten kantore van Lexwell Advocaten en gemachtigd de advocaat mr. F.K. Kutluer

KG 75/24 – SXM202400949

De deurwaarder, Danica E.N. Zichem

OPROEPING

Bij exploit van de 9^e augustus 2024, waarvan afschrift is gelaten aan de Officier van Justitie op St. Maarten, heb ik, Danica E.N. Zichem, gerechtsdeurwaarder voor burgerlijke zaken bij het Gemeenschappelijk Hof van Justitie van Aruba, Curaçao, Sint Maarten en Bonaire, Sint Eustatius en Saba en bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten, wonende op Sint Maarten en kantoorhoudende aan de A.Th. Illidge Road #11 op Sint Maarten, gevolgd gevend aan de beschikking van 6^e augustus 2024 van de E. A. Rechter in het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten,

1. DE ERFGENAMEN VAN JULIE ALBERTHA RICHARDSON, 2. RAFAELA FEGITTA HUGHES, geboren 6 september 1944, p/a Parra-Grass Drive # 5, Sint Maarten, 3. DE ERFGENAMEN VAN WIJLEN LUCINA MELSADIE HUGHES, geboren 8 juni 1946, 4. DE ERFGENAMEN VAN WIJLEN HENRY OLIVER HUGHES, geboren 12 december 1957 en overleden op 24 februari 1988, 5. IMELDA PATRICIA HUGHES, geboren 28 november 1963, p/a Parra-Grass Drive # 5, Sint Maarten EN 6. DE ERFGENAMEN VAN WIJLEN MARGARITA VIRGINIA RICHARDSON,

OPGEROEPEN, om op dinsdag, **26 november 2024**, des voormiddags te 08:30 uur te verschijnen ten Raadhuize te Philipsburg op Sint Maarten om te antwoorden op de vordering van

CLAUDIUS AUSTIN RICHARDSON, erfgenaam van wijlen MARTHA LEONORA RICHARDSON, wonende te St. John's Estate Road # 6, geboren op 13 april 1946 te Sint Maarten, ten deze domicilie kiezende ten kantore van zijn gemachtigde Roland E. Duncan, kantoorhoudende aan de C.A. Cannegieter Street nr. 46 te Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

AR 155/24 – SXM202400851

De deurwaarder, Danica E.N. Zichem

LIQUIDATIE**KRAVO Legal & Consultancy B.V (in liquidatie)**

Bij besluit van **12 oktober 2023** van de algemene vergadering van aandeelhouders van **KRAVO Legal & Consultancy B.V.** (in liquidatie), een naamloze vennootschap statutair gevestigd te Sint Maarten en ingeschreven in het Handelsregister gehouden door de Kamer van Koophandel en Nijverheid onder nummer 25447 (de "Vennootschap"), is besloten tot ontbinding van de Vennootschap met benoeming van de directeur van de Vennootschap tot Vereffenaar (de "Vereffenaar"), te dezer zake domicilie kiezende ten kantore van Gibson & Associates, C.A. Cannegieterstraat 26, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

De Vereffenaar heeft een rekening en verantwoording opgesteld als bedoeld in artikel 2:31 van het Burgerlijk Wetboek van Sint Maarten, die gedurende 30 dagen ter inzage ligt, op de te dezer zake gekozen domicilie, ten kantore van Gibson & Associates, C.A. Cannegieterstraat 26, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten. De Vereffenaar

LIQUIDATIE**KRAVO Legal & Consultancy B.V (in liquidatie)**

Bij besluit van **12 oktober 2023** van de algemene vergadering van aandeelhouders van **KRAVO (Sint Maarten) Holding B.V.** (in liquidatie), een naamloze vennootschap statutair gevestigd te Sint Maarten en ingeschreven in het Handelsregister gehouden door de Kamer van Koophandel en Nijverheid onder nummer 25448 (de "Vennootschap"), is besloten tot ontbinding van de Vennootschap met benoeming van de directeur van de Vennootschap tot Vereffenaar (de "Vereffenaar"), te dezer zake domicilie kiezende ten kantore van Gibson & Associates, C.A. Cannegieterstraat 26, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

De Vereffenaar heeft een rekening en verantwoording opgesteld als bedoeld in artikel 2:31 van het Burgerlijk Wetboek van Sint Maarten, die gedurende 30 dagen ter inzage ligt, op de te dezer zake gekozen domicilie, ten kantore van Gibson & Associates, C.A. Cannegieterstraat 26, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten. De Vereffenaar

OPROEPING

Bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten is door **Alberto Philips** ingediend een verzoek voor onder meer een verklaring voor recht (zaak SXM202100881) dat het volgende perceel aan hem toekomt:

Upper Prince's Quarter (C-2-112)

te Sint Maarten

groot circa 4700 m², omschreven in meetbrief SXM UPQ 557/1900, met als omschrijving:

Ground in Upper Prince's Quarter, bounding to the North with a road, wide 4' between this piece of land and James Marlin and Sarah Dale, long 373'; to the South bounding to America Arrindell land, long 77'; to the East bounding to America Arrindell land, long 467' and to the West to the land of Benjamin Philips, long 207'. The road of 4' between this land and the land of James Marlin and Sarah Dale, being the road allowed to the purchaser Robert Richardson (...).

Het perceel staat op naam van de inmiddels overleden **Robert Richardson**.

Alle belanghebbenden bij het hierboven genoemde perceel en de erfgenamen van wijlen Robert Richardson worden opgeroepen om op **3 oktober 2024** om **13.30 uur** te verschijnen voor de **Comparitie van Partijen** in bovengenoemde zaak in de Courthouse op Sint Maarten aan het adres Frontstreet # 58, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

CALL TO APPEAR IN COURT

The Court of First Instance of Sint Maarten has received a request from **Alberto Philips** for, inter alia, a declaratory judgment (case SXM202100881) that the following parcel of land belongs to him:

Upper Prince's Quarter (C-2-112)

in Sint Maarten

large approximately 4700 m², described in letter of measurement SXM UPQ 557/1900, by describing:

Ground in Upper Prince's Quarter, bounding to the North with a road, wide 4' between this piece of land and James Marlin and Sarah Dale, long 373'; to the South bounding to America Arrindell land, long 77'; to the East bounding to America Arrindell land, long 467' and to the West to the land of Benjamin Philips, long 207'. The road of 4' between this land and the land of James Marlin and Sarah Dale, being the road allowed to the purchaser Robert Richardson (...).

The parcel of land is in the name of the now deceased **Robert Richardson**.

All interested parties to the above-mentioned parcel of land and the heirs of the late Robert Richardson are summoned to appear on **October 3, 2024** at **1:30 p.m.** for the **Comparison of Parties** in the above-mentioned case at the Courthouse in Sint Maarten at the address Frontstreet #58, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

OPROEPING

Bij het Gerecht in Eerste Aanleg van Sint Maarten is door **Alberto Philips** ingediend een verzoek voor onder meer een verklaring voor recht (zaak SXM202100883) dat het volgende perceel aan hem toekomt:

Middle Region (C-17-92 en C-64-9)

te Sint Maarten

groot circa 4046 m², omschreven in meetbrief SXM UPQ 633/1900, met als omschrijving: A piece of land, situated in Middle Region, measuring about one acre, equivalent to 40 ares and 46 centiares, and which piece of land is bounded as follows: on the north by the property belonging to Sarah Elizabeth Arrindell; on the South by the land belonging to the heirs of the late Robert Richardson; on the East by the property belonging to Alexander York and on the West by a private road, which road separates the abovementioned piece of land from the property belonging to the heirs of the late George Milton (...).

Het perceel staat op naam van de inmiddels overleden **Alexander York**.

Alle belanghebbenden bij het hierboven genoemde perceel en de erfgenamen van wijlen Alexander York worden opgeroepen om op **3 oktober 2024** om **13.30 uur** te verschijnen voor de **Comparitie van Partijen** in bovengenoemde zaak in de Courthouse op Sint Maarten aan het adres Frontstreet # 58, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.

CALL TO APPEAR IN COURT

The Court of First Instance of Sint Maarten has received a request from **Alberto Philips** for, inter alia, a declaratory judgment (case SXM202100883) that the following parcel of land belongs to him:

Middle Region (C-17-92 en C-64-9)

in Sint Maarten

large approximately 4046 m², described in letter of measurement SXM UPQ 633/1900, by describing:

A piece of land, situated in Middle Region, measuring about one acre, equivalent to 40 ares and 46 centiares, and which piece of land is bounded as follows: on the north by the property belonging to Sarah Elizabeth Arrindell; on the South by the land belonging to the heirs of the late Robert Richardson; on the East by the property belonging to Alexander York and on the West by a private road, which road separates the abovementioned piece of land from the property belonging to the heirs of the late George Milton (...).

The parcel of land is in the name of the now deceased **Alexander York**.

All interested parties to the above-mentioned parcel of land and the heirs of the late Alexander York are summoned to appear on **October 3, 2024** at **1:30 p.m.** for the **Comparison of Parties** in the above-mentioned case at the Courthouse in Sint Maarten at the address Frontstreet #58, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten.



LANDSBESLUIT

Van de 15 augustus 2024, no. LB-24/760

DE GOUVERNEUR VAN SINT MAARTEN

Op voordracht van de Minister van Algemene Zaken, in overeenstemming met het gevoelen van de ministerraad;

In overweging genomen hebbende:

- dat investeringen nodig zijn in het afvalwaterbeheer van Sint Maarten;
- dat het Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw een afvalwaterbeheerproject heeft voorbereid ten bedrage van maximaal USD 25.000.000,- ("het project");
- dat een deel van de kosten van het project bekostigd kunnen worden door middel van een bijdrage van maximaal USD 10.000.000,- uit het Wederopbouwfonds, waarvoor het land een subsidieovereenkomst met de Wereldbank zal aangaan;
- dat een ander deel van de kosten van het project bekostigd kunnen worden door middel van ontvangen leningen voor kapitaalinvesteringen, die zijn aangevraagd en verstrekt ten behoeve van het project ten bedrage van NAf 27.000.000,- welke waarde overeenkomt met USD 15.000.000,-;
- dat het wenselijk is om een overeenkomst met de Wereldbank aan te gaan voor een bijdrage aan het project van maximaal USD 10.000.000,- uit het Wederopbouwfonds;
- dat in de Landsverordening, tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024, de Minister van Algemene Zaken, wordt gemachtigd namens het land Sint Maarten een subsidieovereenkomst met de Wereldbank aan te gaan ter uitvoering van het Wederopbouwfonds en ten behoeve van het project ten bedrage van maximaal NAf 18.000.000,- welke waarde overeenkomt met maximaal USD 10.000.000,-;
- dat het wenselijk is om in het kader van deze subsidieovereenkomst, een operationele overeenkomst met het Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw aan te gaan ten behoeve van het project;
- dat in de Landsverordening, tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024, de Minister van Algemene Zaken, wordt gemachtigd namens het land Sint Maarten een operationele overeenkomst met het Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw aan te gaan ten behoeve van het project;
- dat het wenselijk is om namens het land Sint Maarten ontvangen leningen voor de kapitaalinvesteringen, die zijn aangevraagd en verstrekt ten behoeve van het project ten bedrage van NAf 27.000.000,- welke waarde overeenkomt met USD 15.000.000,- over te dragen aan Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw, ter beheer van de gelden en implementatie van projectactiviteiten.
- dat in de Landsverordening, tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024, de Minister van Financiën wordt gemachtigd om namens het land Sint Maarten ontvangen leningen voor de kapitaalinvesteringen, die zijn aangevraagd en verstrekt ten behoeve van het project ten bedrage van NAf 27.000.000,- welke waarde overeenkomt met USD 15.000.000,- over te dragen aan Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw, ter beheer van de gelden en implementatie van projectactiviteiten.

Gelet op:

- Artikel 4 van de Landsverordening, tot vaststelling van de Begroting van het land Sint Maarten voor het dienstjaar 2024;
- de Tijdelijke Landsverordening Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw

HEEFT BESLOTEN:

Artikel 1

De Minister van Algemene Zaken wordt gemachtigd om namens het Land Sint Maarten aan te gaan en te ondertekenen:

- de overeenkomst tussen de Wereldbank en het Land Sint Maarten, getiteld "Grant Agreement Wastewater Management Project", en zoals aangehecht aan dit landsbesluit.
- de overeenkomst tussen het Land Sint Maarten en het Nationaal Programmabureau Wederopbouw getiteld "Subsidiary Agreement Wastewater Management Project", en zoals aangehecht aan dit landsbesluit.

Artikel 2

De Minister van Algemene Zaken wordt gemachtigd om namens het Land Sint Maarten alle rechtshandelingen te verrichten die rechtstreeks voortvloeien uit de in artikel 1 genoemde overeenkomsten.

Artikel 3

Dit landsbesluit treedt in werking met ingang van de dag van ondertekening.

Philipsburg, 15 augustus 2024
De Gouverneur van Sint Maarten

15 augustus 2024
De Minister van Algemene Zaken
d.d.



MINISTERIËLE BESCHIKKING
VAN DE 16 augustus 2024
MINISTER VAN ALGEMENE ZAKEN

NR.: 2024/1707

In overweging genomen hebbende:

- dat op grond van artikel 42, derde lid, van de Kiesverordening, de Minister van Algemene Zaken is belast met het benoemen van de voorzitter, leden en plaatsvervangende leden van de stembureaus voor de verkiezing van de leden van de Staten op 19 augustus 2024;

Gelet op:

artikel 42, derde en vierde lid, van de Kiesverordening;

HEEFT BESLOTEN:

Artikel 1

Tot voorzitter, leden en plaatsvervangende leden van de stembureaus worden benoemd de personen, genoemd in de bijlage bij deze beschikking.

Artikel 2

Aan de reeds zittende leden van de stembureaus wordt ontslag verleend.

Artikel 3

Deze beschikking treedt in werking met ingang van de dag na ondertekening en wordt in de Landscourant geplaatst.

Philipsburg, 16 augustus 2024
Minister van Algemene Zaken

Bezwaar en beroepsprocedure

Bezwaar:

Tegen deze beschikking kan door belanghebbende(n) op grond van artikel 55 jo. 56, eerste lid, van de Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak (LAR) binnen zes weken na de datum van verzending of uitreiking hiervan een bezwaarschrift ingediend worden bij het bestuursorgaan dat deze beschikking heeft afgegeven.

Beroep:

In plaats van een bezwaarschrift kan door belanghebbende(n) op grond van artikel 7 jo. 16 van de Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak (LAR) binnen zes weken na de datum van verzending of uitreiking van deze beschikking een beroepschrift ingediend worden bij het Gerecht in eerste aanleg van Sint Maarten.

District 1 John Larmonie Center - Langemuurweg 20**Name**

Jacqueline Bernadette	Jarvis	Voorzitter
Felibe Marcelina Jacqueline	Brown	Tweede lid
Samanta Ellen	Joseph	Derde lid
Alia Jehan Prinella	Mathew geb. Young	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Lisa	Adams	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Krizia Dorita Wilhelmina	Cannegieter	Plaatsvervangend lid
Sharon Theodosia	Fleming geb. Richinsin	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 2 Sundial School - Ch.E.W. Voges Street 4**Name**

Milangela Normigia Viveca	Francisca	Voorzitter
Shanella Agnes	Illidge Petrona	Tweede lid
Evemar Radimir Rigmar	Wilson	Derde lid
Glenda Minerva	van Gulp	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Shanna Rozella	Pantophlet	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Glenda Emelda	Hodge	Plaatsvervangend lid
Kimaya Kenicia	Williams	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 3 Senior Citizens Recreational Centre - Hope Estate**Name**

Joy Mynoustica Shellinda	Dolphin	Voorzitter
Valencia Loretta	Maynard	Tweede lid
Siondra Melissa	Maccow	Derde lid
Sernalda Ursilla	Thielman	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Shenely Ismaylien Juana	Thielman Quirindoongo	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Dejahnique Isme	Hodge-Webster	Plaatsvervangend lid
Barbra Debie	Webster	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 4 De Sister Marie Laurence School - Ellis Drive 1**Name**

Suzette Marie	Kramers	Voorzitter
Delfina Lucille	Philips	Tweede lid
Jennifer Ursula	Thomas	Derde lid
Stephanie Suezette	Simmons	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid

Elaine Diane	Jeffrey	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Chalmarie Chanalia	Vlaun	Plaatsvervangend lid
Marietsa Patricia	Williams	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 5 Dutch Quarter Community Centre - Zorg en Rust**Name**

Velma Verena	Windefelde	Voorzitter
Deslyn Shanon	George	Tweede lid
Claricia Yvette Lucretia	Sprott geb Hart	Derde lid
Dolicia Valencia	Skeete	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Amaria Engalisa	Flanders	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Roxanne Christine	Dollison e/v Martin	Plaatsvervangend lid
Lucrecia Providencia	Matinburgh	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 6 Milton Peters College - L.B. Scott Road**Name**

Kechelle Laurie	Huggins	Voorzitter
Mikhaela Judialine Jerusha	Aventurin	Tweede lid
Liana Vernice	van Putten	Derde lid
Anuska Kimberlie	Abraham geb Brooks	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Jarisca Inmaculada	Abrams geb Donge	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Jonayda Jasmin	Mardenborough	Plaatsvervangend lid
Corine Adelaide	Van Putten Lejuez	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 7 Rupert Maynard Community Centre - St. Peters Road**Name**

Ruth Vivian	Sanel geb Gumbs	Voorzitter
Guicindy Dyante Altagracia	Glasgow	Tweede lid
Ariel Trisha	de Weever	Derde lid
Kedisha Daynia	Vidal	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Caesarina	Ophar	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Angel Nicolas	Morel Jr.	Plaatsvervangend lid
Tishauna Akeimi Chaustina	Richardson	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 8 Sint Maarten Academy - Cupper Drive 3**Name**

Exzira Imelda	Caines	Voorzitter
Walter Rofino Valentino Anthony	Sprott	Tweede lid

Kamilah Monique	Queeley	Derde lid
Urshana Dewshana	Arrendell	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Maritha Elfride	Pinas	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Jenny Imelda	Kirindongo	Plaatsvervangend lid
Amelia Christalia	Pantophlet	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 9 Bute Hotel - A.T. Illidge Road 2, Upper Princess Quarter**Name**

Jourella Taciana	Melfor	Voorzitter
Patrick Josiah	Lamothe	Tweede lid
Ruchinella Sabira	Calorio geb St. Luce	Derde lid
Shanica	Romney	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Sharon Beryll	Pantophlet-Gilson	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Maritza Florencia	Melfor	Plaatsvervangend lid
Mylanda Selcira	Proctor	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 10 National Institute for Professional Advancement - Building B, Jackal Road 4, Cay Hill**Name**

Baby	Pantophlet Charles	Voorzitter
Maurine Cleopatra	Baker	Tweede lid
Richelda Shakira Zonnelsida	Faries	Derde lid
Yvana Joanne	Robin	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Lavern Melissa Inez	Vlaun	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Loraine Eldina	Brooks	Plaatsvervangend lid
Carmen Lucilia Francisca	Richardson	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 11 Charles Leopold Bell School - Union Road**Name**

Sharon Charlotte Vincenta	Cangieter	Voorzitter
Sharisa Akitoya	Sprott geb Hodge	Tweede lid
Vanina	Daniel geb Lozandier	Derde lid
Wilma Alexandria	Aventurin	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Debra Veronica	Arrindell	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Joseph Alphans	Egen	Plaatsvervangend lid
Yourandell Leonid Carindo	Provence	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 12 Leonard Conner School - Venus Drive**Name**

Shadia Turqueza Lejounne	Mussington	Voorzitter
Chantale Natasja	George geb Groeneveldt	Tweede lid
Carlyle Ignacio	Cornet	Derde lid
Bianta	Pierre-Louis	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Alnisha Micaela Danuta	La Cruz geb Davis	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Michelle	Browne	Plaatsvervangend lid
Raïza Danielle Louise Minerva	Wilson	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 13 Simpson Bay Sports Community Center - Sr. Modesta Road 25**Name**

Jaghaira	Lioe-A-Tjam	Voorzitter
Andreas	Joedoleksono	Tweede lid
Dominique Marilyn	Hodge	Derde lid
Yolanda Theolinda	Nestor-Hubert geb Smith	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Abigaïl Zairah	Trustfull	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Marbella Gregoria Eufemia	Euson	Plaatsvervangend lid
Rignalda Soraida	Stefania	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 14 Belvedere Community Center - Belvedere Estate Road**Name**

Sheryl Antoinette	Pantophlet	Voorzitter
Earl Stephen Alford	Duzong	Tweede lid
Sherlyne Marian	Winklaar	Derde lid
Sué-Haily	De Palm	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Taishana Latisha	Richardson	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Anan Michelle	Benjamin	Plaatsvervangend lid
Tyra Aisha Genesis	Richardson	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 15 Melford Hazel Sports & Recreational Ctr. - Soualiga Road 28**Name**

Yolaine Marie	Bruney	Voorzitter
Samira	George	Tweede lid
Ramona Josefa Theresita	Wilson	Derde lid
Aisha Carlene	Gumbs	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Romelia Maria	Marlin	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Judesca Iraida Rosa	Coffie	Plaatsvervangend lid

Neydia Jeannicka Shermilla	Romou	Plaatsvervangend lid
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District 16 Methodist Agogic Center - Abolition Drive 9**Name**

Angelo Antonio	Lake	Voorzitter
Diahenn Sabrina	van Heyningen	Tweede lid
Migdarys Eulalia	Offerman	Derde lid
Willy Ethel	Wiel geb Williams	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Laissa	Bryan	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Vanessa	Aisles	Plaatsvervangend lid
Everdina	van der Mark	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 17 Dutch Quarter Community Helpdesk - A. Th. Illidge Road 278A**Name**

Marcellia Margaret	Henry	Voorzitter
Irma Patricia	Wallace geb Simmon	Tweede lid
Shamika Isis	De Weever	Derde lid
Edeline Ameena Christina	Scholar	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Vernita Michavera	Illidge	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid

District 18 Seventh Day Adventis School - Orange Grove Road**Name**

Kharisha Geraldine Shirley	Seymour geb Foeken	Voorzitter
Vanessa Beatrix	James	Tweede lid
Doesjinka Diamella Eudora	Romney	Derde lid
Ria Saraswati	Khudan	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Paul Alfredo	Jarvis	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid
Maritza Yolanda	Carty Lewis	Plaatsvervangend lid
Patricia Ann	Jansen	Plaatsvervangend lid

District 19 Huis van Bewaring - Mountain Dove Road 48**Name**

Ebony Kenisha Madelina	James	Voorzitter
Valda	Hazel	Tweede lid
Joanna Tammika	Berry	Derde lid

District 20 Sint Maarten Home - St. John's Estate Road 6**Name**

Equilla Bertranda	Kemper geb Brown	Voorzitter
Jacqueline Antoinette	Gumbs	Tweede lid
Edith Lucille	Lake	Derde lid
Selma	Adriana	Eerste plaatsvervangend lid
Inique Mariana	Smith geb Gustina	Tweede plaatsvervangend lid



MINISTERIËLE BESCHIKKING

VAN DE 16 augustus 2024
MINISTER VAN ALGEMENE ZAKEN

NR.: 2024/1708

In overweging genomen hebbende:

- dat op grond van artikel 42, derde lid, van de Kiesverordening, de Minister van Algemene Zaken is belast met het benoemen van de voorzitter, leden en plaatsvervangende leden van de stembureaus voor de verkiezing van de leden van de Staten op 19 augustus 2024;
- dat de minister op 16 augustus 2024 bij ministeriële beschikking de voorzitter, leden en plaatsvervangende leden van de stembureaus heeft benoemd;
- dat tussentijdse wijzigingen van het lidmaatschap van de stembureaus voor de verkiezing van de leden van de Staten op 19 augustus 2024 moeten worden opgevangen;
- dat deze wijzigingen van het lidmaatschap van de stembureaus aan de Secretaris-Generaal van het Ministerie van Algemene Zaken wordt gemandateerd;

Gelet op:

artikel 42, derde en vierde lid, van de Kiesverordening;

HEEFT BESLOTEN:

Artikel 1

In dit besluit wordt verstaan onder:

<i>mandaat:</i>	de bevoegdheid om in naam van de minister besluiten te nemen;
<i>machtiging:</i>	de bevoegdheid om in naam van de minister handelingen te verrichten die geen publiekrechtelijke en/of privaatrechtelijke rechtshandeling zijnde;
<i>minister:</i>	de Minister van Algemene Zaken;
<i>Secretaris-Generaal</i>	de Secretaris-Generaal van het Ministerie van Algemene Zaken;

Artikel 2

1. Aan de Secretaris-Generaal wordt mandaat verleend om:
 - a. besluiten te nemen ten aanzien van het ontslaan en/ of benoemen van de voorzitter, leden en plaatsvervangende leden van de stembureaus voor de verkiezingen van 19 augustus 2024;
 - b. besluiten te nemen die een directe relatie hebben met het besluitvormingsproces van hetgeen onder a is bepaald.
2. Aan de Secretaris-Generaal wordt machtiging verleend tot het verrichten van andere handelingen ter uitvoering van de bevoegdheden, bedoeld in het eerste lid.
3. De Secretaris-Generaal neemt bij de uitoefening van het mandaat en de machtiging het toepasselijk recht, de geldende beleidsregels en de instructies van de minister in acht.
4. Het eerste lid is niet van toepassing op het nemen van beslissingen op bezwaarschriften.

Artikel 3

1. De minister blijft bevoegd de gemandateerde bevoegdheid uit te oefenen en kan het mandaat te allen tijde intrekken.
2. Een door de gemandateerde binnen de grenzen van zijn bevoegdheid genomen besluit geldt als een besluit van de minister.
3. Een krachtens mandaat genomen besluit vermeldt dat het namens de minister is genomen.
4. Het verlenen van ondermandaat is niet toegestaan.

Artikel 4

1. De ondertekening van de krachtens dit besluit genomen beslissingen luidt als volgt:
"DE MINISTER VAN ALGEMENE ZAKEN
namens deze,"
gevolgd door de functieaanduiding, de handtekening en de naam van de betrokken functionaris.
2. De ondertekening van een ter uitvoering van het mandaat opgemaakt stuk geschiedt schriftelijk en niet door het plaatsen van een handtekeningstempel of elektronische handtekening.

Artikel 5

Deze beschikking treedt in werking met ingang van de dag na ondertekening en wordt in de Landscourant geplaatst.

Philipsburg, 16 augustus 2024
Minister van Algemene Zaken

Bezwaar en beroepsprocedure**Bezwaar:**

Tegen deze beschikking kan door belanghebbende(n) op grond van artikel 55 jo 56, eerste lid, Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak (LAR) binnen zes weken na de datum van verzending of uitreiking hiervan een bezwaarschrift ingediend worden bij het bestuursorgaan dat deze beschikking heeft afgegeven.

Beroep:

In plaats van een bezwaarschrift kan door belanghebbende(n) op grond van artikel 7 jo. 16 van de Landsverordening Administratieve Rechtspraak (LAR) binnen zes weken na de datum van verzending of uitreiking van deze beschikking een beroepschrift ingediend worden bij het Gerecht in eerste aanleg van Sint Maarten.



GOVERNMENT OF SINT MAARTEN
MINISTER OF FINANCE - SINT MAARTEN
MANDAATREGISTER - MINISTER

Algemene regels

Verplichtingen voor bedragen boven de NAf 50,000 kunnen, nog los van andere vereisten, enkele worden aangaan door minister met voorafgaande machtiging door de ministerraad.

Andere rechtshandelingen gepleegd door de overheid kunnen onder meer zijn:

- De procedure tot aanbesteding;
- De machtigen tot vertegenwoordiging buiten rechte.

Consequenties

Artikel 21, derde lid, van de Rijkswet Financieel Toezicht stelt dat privaatrechtelijke handelingen nietig zijn indien zij zijn aangegaan door personen die daartoe blijkens dit register, niet of niet voldoende gemachtigd zijn.

Naam	Functie Minister van de Ministerie van Algemene zaken	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Luc F.E. Mercelina	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Luc F.E. Mercelina	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Vervangende Minister van de Ministerie van Algemene zaken	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Patrice Thierry Gumbs Jr.	Minister+Ministerraad	25 juni 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Patrice Thierry Gumbs Jr.	Minister	25 juni 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Minister van de Ministerie van Financiën	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Marinka J. Gumbs	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Marinka J. Gumbs	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Vervangende Minister Minister van de Ministerie van Financiën	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Minister van de Ministerie van Ministerie van Justitie	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Lyndon C. J. Lewis	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Lyndon C. J. Lewis	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen

Naam	Functie Vervangende Minister van de Ministerie van Ministerie van Justitie	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Minister van de Ministerie van Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Vervangende Minister van de Ministerie van Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur, Jeugd en Sport	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
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Lyndon C. J. Lewis	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Minister van de Minister van de Ministerie van Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Sociale Ontwikkeling en Arbeid	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Veronica C. Jansen -Webster	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Veronica C. Jansen -Webster	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
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Luc F.E. Mercelina	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Luc F.E. Mercelina	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Minister van de Ministerie van Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Verkeer en Telecommunicatie	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen

Naam	Functie Vervangende Minister van de Ministerie van Toerisme, Economische Zaken, Verkeer en Telecommunicatie	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Marinka J. Gumbs	Minister+Ministerraad	3 mei 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Marinka J. Gumbs	Minister	3 mei 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Ministerie van Ministerie van Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening, Milieu en Infrastructuur	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
Patrice Thierry Gumbs Jr.	Minister+Ministerraad	25 juni 2024	> 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Patrice Thierry Gumbs Jr.	Minister	25 juni 2024	≤ 50,000	Alle rechtshandelingen
Naam	Functie Vervangende Ministerie van Ministerie van Volkshuisvesting, Ruimtelijke Ordening, Milieu en Infrastructuur	Ingangsdatum	Bedrag in Naf	Bijzonderheden
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Council of Ministers Sint Maarten
Attn. Prime Minister of Sint Maarten,
The Honourable Dr. Luc Mercelina
Soualuiga Road 1
Philipsburg, Sint Maarten

Ref. no.: IC-ADV/24.044

Subject: Advice on the Integrity Screening of Ministers

Cay Hill, August 9, 2024

Honourable Prime Minister,

Integrity is one of the most important pillars to ensure the quality of public administration. Incorporating ethical and moral behaviour throughout government, is necessary to build trust in the government and the democratic rule of law. Society expects that the government is transparent and trustworthy and has public officials that have integrity and are qualified for the job.

The formation of Government, after the elections in January 2024, revealed shortcomings in the process of the selection, nomination, and appointment of ministers. Considering the upcoming snap elections on August 19, 2024, the Integrity Chamber believes that more light should be shed on the integrity norms and values that must be in place during the process of forming the Government, as well as the necessity for increased transparency and accountability.

Based on the above, the Integrity Chamber is providing this advice.

1. Relevance

Integrity risks and issues can be found in every field, whether in the private or public sector. However, public officials are particularly susceptible to integrity risks and issues which may emerge during a convergence of their private interests and public functions. While it may initially seem harmless, incompatible positions, ancillary activities, and external interests, such as board memberships, business and property ownership, personal networks, etc., may become a source of conflict during the execution of their function. Additionally, risks arise during the execution of tasks, such as procurement procedures and the issuance of permits.

Ministers hold a prestigious position and have an exemplary function. Citizens trust that the minister will work in their best interests and will execute their tasks in a way that does not jeopardize the functioning of the minister or disadvantage the country. It is important that ministers have integrity and display this in their day-to-day decision-making, or they risk damaging the credibility of themselves, government, and the country.

The benefits of ministers having integrity include increased public trust and trust between public officials and a stable economy, political, social and cultural system. The consequences of ministers not having integrity include a lack of public trust, negative effects to the national and international image, the economy, and the political system. It is therefore important to properly assess the norms and values of ministers prior to their nomination and appointment.

This advice from the Integrity Chamber provides the Government and Parliament of Sint Maarten with measures to strengthen the (legislative) framework of the current screening process by adding additional integrity aspects. Due to the role of political parties in the nomination of candidate-ministers, this advice should also be utilized by political parties to determine key integrity values that form the basis for selecting candidates for the function of minister.

2. Legislative Framework

Below is the current applicable legislative framework pertaining to the screening of ministers.

- Articles 34, 35, 41, and 101 of the Constitution of Sint Maarten (hereinafter: 'Constitution').¹
- Kingdom Decree designating Governor of Sint Maarten to suspend the adoption of national decrees appointing ministers [...] (hereinafter: 'Kingdom Decree').²
- National Ordinance Promotion of the Integrity of Ministers (hereinafter: 'National Ordinance').³
- National Decree on the appointment procedure for candidate Ministers and candidate Minister Plenipotentiary (hereinafter: 'National Decree').⁴

¹ Staatsregeling van Sint Maarten (AB 2010, GT no. 1)

² Rijksbesluit aanwijzing Gouverneur Sint Maarten tot het aanhouden van de vaststelling van de landsbesluiten tot benoeming van ministers en de Minister-President totdat onderzoek is gedaan naar de benoembaarheid van de voorgedragen kandidaat-ministers, kandidaat-Minister-President en kandidaat-Gevolmachtigde Minister (17 oktober 2014)

³ Landsverordening integriteitsbevordering Ministers (AB 2010, GT no. 22)

⁴ Landsbesluit benoemingsprocedure kandidaat-Ministers en kandidaat Gevolmachtigde Minister (22 mei 2013, LB-13/0442)

Constitution

The Constitution of Sint Maarten regulates, in Articles 34, positions that are incompatible with that of the role of a minister. Actions that are prohibited as a minister are described in Article 35 of the Constitution, while Article 41 of the Constitution regulates the minister's oath. Article 101 states that rules are laid down in a national ordinance to guarantee the legality and integrity of the administration and administrative actions, as well as the soundness of financial management.

Kingdom Decree

The Kingdom Decree designates the Governor the right to suspend the adoption of national decrees for the appointment of candidate-ministers, Prime Ministers, and Ministers Plenipotentiary, until an investigation has been conducted into the suitability of the nominated candidate-ministers.

National Ordinance

The National Ordinance on the Promotion of Integrity of Ministers regulates the declarations that a minister must submit concerning, e.g. their business interests, assets, and ancillary activities. The declarations must be submitted to the Prime Minister within thirty (30) days after being appointed as minister (Article 2 of the National Ordinance). Any interim changes during their tenure must also be submitted (Article 4 of the National Ordinance). The submission of a declaration is also required within thirty (30) days of the minister no longer being in function (Article 6 of the National Ordinance). The basis for this national ordinance is Article 101 of the Constitution.

National Decree

The National Decree on the appointment procedure for candidate Ministers determines the documents used in the assessment (screening) of the suitability of a candidate-minister, which form an integral part of the decision to nominate.

Reference should also be made to the draft National Ordinance (Candidate-) Ministerial Integrity⁵ submitted to Parliament in 2016, and the advice of the Council of Advice on the draft National Ordinance⁶ also submitted in 2016 to Parliament. The purpose of the draft was to adjust the current National Ordinance and to incorporate the National Decree on the appointment procedure into one law.

3. Screening of Candidate-Ministers

The screening process for candidate-ministers currently consists of a judicial background check by the Attorney General and a fact-finding investigation done by the National

⁵ Ontwerplandsverordening integriteit (kandidaat-)ministers, ingediend door lid Van Hugh C. de Weever, 20 januari 2016, volgnummer IS/434/2015-2016

⁶ Advies van 12 april 2016, kenmerk RvA no. SM/01-16-ILV

Security Service (Article 3 Kingdom Decree). Candidate-ministers are also asked to provide an Integrity Declaration and fill in a questionnaire based on Articles 34 and 35 of the Constitution pertaining to ancillary activities, business interests, and assets.

The Integrity Chamber understands and underscores the importance of the above screening process in the selection and nomination of ministers, however based on a review of the legislative framework, it is apparent that the screening process lacks sufficient attention to the desired norms and values of (candidate-) ministers. Furthermore, the process does not provide the criteria and (integrity) risks to be considered before the candidate is appointed. Additionally, there is a lack of transparency regarding the screening process and a lack of awareness regarding the requirements of the ministerial role.

The Integrity Chamber therefore believes that the current screening process should be adjusted to include additional integrity aspects. The Integrity Chamber also believes that the current process on ministerial integrity as stipulated in the National Ordinance can be strengthened by separating the process into three (3) screening phases: 1) a pre-screening 'recruitment' phase, 2) a screening phase, and 3) a post-screening 'monitoring' phase.⁷

In the pre-screening or 'recruitment' phase, the candidate-ministers should be assessed based on integrity norms and values for ministers. The recruitment phase also consists of various steps the political party / coalition should take to ensure that they are nominating a suitable candidate for the role of minister. There are also self-assessment questions which can help the candidates to determine their suitability for the position.

The screening and post-screening 'monitoring' phases are regulated by the legislative framework. The Integrity Chamber believes that the behaviour of the minister should be actively monitored on matters relating to integrity, during and after their tenure, with a focus on behaviors and possible conflicts that may interfere with the effective execution of ministerial tasks.

The three (3) screening phases can also assist in detecting behaviour that can indirectly or unintentionally harm the proper functioning of government. Harmful behaviour may not always be visible, or easily detectable, and may not be in violation of laws or regulations. However, while not legally wrong, if the behavior is undesirable, or morally incorrect, it can lead to a negative public perception. (Perceived) integrity issues put the trust and reputation of the country at stake, therefore (rumored) issues that may harm

⁷ Reference is made to the "*Handleiding basisscan integriteit voor kandidaat-bestuurders*" of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kingdom Relations.

the functioning of Government, need to be properly investigated and handled in a transparent manner to restore and maintain the confidence of the public.

Transparency is also important when it comes to the screening process. There should be openness and clarity in the processes and procedures. The public should be aware of the process and criteria for the screening of candidate-ministers. This will ensure that all persons involved in the process are held accountable. During the screening process, it is however important that the privacy of the candidate-minister is respected as much as possible. Sensitive information, personal data, and information vital to the national security should not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals or entities.

3.1 Recruitment Phase

A pre-screening of candidates should begin before the names are submitted for nomination as a minister. The political party and the candidate have an important role to play in this process.

3.1.1 Role of the Political Party

Ministers are nominated by a political party. Because of this, political parties play a significant role in selecting persons that will govern with integrity. Integrity should be a key component of every political party and should play a role in the party's selection and nomination of political candidates and candidate-ministers. For this to occur, parties should establish key integrity norms and values, and codes of conduct that form the basis of party member behaviors. Party leaders should utilize the integrity norms as recommended by the Integrity Chamber (see Annex A), to establish their party values and select political candidates. To aid in the selection of candidate-ministers, the following steps can be useful in this process: (1) Request information from the candidate (resume, work history, ancillary activities, external interests). (2) Have a conversation with the candidate concerning the information provided and possible integrity risks. (3) Determine the suitability of a candidate based on steps 1 and 2. A detailed overview of these steps are provided in Annex B.

The provided integrity norms and the above selection process can be utilized to nominate candidate-ministers from on and off the party list.

Candidates that display behaviour contrary to the integrity norms, or that are not deemed suitable based on the selection process, should not be considered as candidate-ministers. Only when the political party is convinced that a candidate is qualified for the position and believes that the candidate would meet the requirements for the screening, should they be recommended as a candidate-minister.

3.1.2 Self-assessment candidate-minister

The candidate-minister has an obligation to carefully consider and determine whether they are the right person for the role of a minister. This aspect is particularly important as the candidate-ministers themselves are the most capable of determining whether they are suitable for the role or not. As such, they are responsible for undertaking a self-assessment. Examples of self-assessment questions can be found in Annex C.

If candidates have any doubts that they can meet the requirements for the role, or if they believe that they will not be able to pass the screening, they should disclose this and/or withdraw from the process. This will avoid any potential embarrassment for the candidate, the political party, and the government.

After the candidate-minister has conducted a self-assessment and has agreed to comply with the integrity norms, and the screening and post-screening requirements, they can be considered as a potential candidate-minister.

3.2 Screening Phase

The candidates selected in the recruitment phase must follow the screening process as outlined in the legislative framework. The role of the formateur and the Governor is paramount in this regard.

The current process can be improved and strengthened by consolidating the various screening requirements into a national ordinance and incorporating additional integrity-related investigations. Examples of these investigations can be found in the 2016 draft National Ordinance (Candidate-) Ministerial Integrity. In addition, it is important to consider the reputation of the candidate-minister in the community and how the candidate-minister and their surroundings are perceived as it relates to integrity issues/norms.

The formateur has an important role to play in assessing the candidate's suitability. The formateur has the responsibility to consider whether the appointment of the selected candidate-ministers, would harm the functioning of government, or the confidence placed in it. To aid in this process, the formateur should have an established list of criteria and norms and values to assess candidate-ministers. This will help in determining when a candidate-minister should be accepted or rejected, based on the results of the (pre)-screenings.

The Governor also has a responsibility to ensure that the soundness of the government is guaranteed. If the Governor has doubts regarding the suitability of a candidate, this must be discussed with the formateur or Prime Minister.

There must be a well-functioning system of checks and balances between the formateur and the Governor to ensure that the most suitable candidate is selected to become a minister. This will reduce the possibility of integrity issues which, when left unchecked, can have a negative effect on the country.⁸

Transparency towards the candidate-ministers is of the utmost importance in the screening phase. The candidate should be informed of the process from start to finish, including the duration of the screening, as well as the results.

3.3 Monitoring Phase

The final phase of the screening is the monitoring phase. This phase is applicable once the minister is appointed, during their tenure, but also the period thereafter. During the monitoring phase, the behaviour of the minister is monitored, specifically on matters relating to integrity. The ministers, the Prime Minister, and Parliament have a role to play in this regard. In addition, the political parties and its members are responsible for ensuring that the party's integrity norms and values are complied with.

3.3.1 During ministerial tenure

As stipulated in the National Ordinance, the minister is obliged to submit a declaration to the Prime Minister concerning e.g., business interests, assets, ancillary activities and their payments and benefits, within thirty (30) days of them being in function, and in the interim thereafter, if they are any changes to their situation. As an extension of their coordinating role in the evaluation of a minister's business interests and ancillary activities, the Prime Minister should regularly create opportunities to discuss the minister's performance on a one-on-one basis, when necessary. Additionally, as a way to ensure integrity during the tenure of the minister, integrity sessions should be provided regularly.

In case of an integrity breach during the tenure of the minister, this should be properly addressed, and measures must be taken. Transparency in the handling of the integrity breach and the outcome thereof is important to restore and maintain the confidence of the public. The cabinet of the minister should also be subject to scrutiny concerning the execution of their function with integrity.

Parliament supervises the manner in which ministers execute their tasks and has the right to inquire and ask questions about a minister's policies. Parliament is also informed by the Prime Minister when a minister fails to provide the necessary declarations, as stated above, or when the minister's interests or ancillary activities conflict with their role. The role of Parliament is very important and should be fulfilled in cooperation with existing institutions in the country that also have an integrity function. If the minister

⁸ Reference is made to the "*Rapport van de Commissie inzake de toetsing van benoembaarheid van Arubaanse ministers, maart 2000*".

loses the trust of Parliament, they can be dismissed from their role.⁹ When Parliament and the applicable institutions properly fulfil their role as mandated by law, the vulnerability of government is reduced.

3.3.2 After ministerial tenure

The National Ordinance does not mandate the continued monitoring of ministers' behaviour. Therefore, after the minister's tenure, the Integrity Chamber believes that the minister's behaviour, specifically on matters relating to integrity, should continue to be monitored for at least one (1) year. Ministers should be mindful not to use their ministerial role or connections to facilitate employment opportunities, or any other personal benefits, after their tenure. During this period, the former minister should continue to act with integrity and not engage in situations that might create a (potential or perceived) conflict of interest.

Examples of specific areas that can cause a (potential or perceived) conflict of interest or integrity issues for (current and former) ministers, and should be actively monitored, are ancillary activities, gift-giving and receiving, dealing with confidential information, bidding and tendering processes and personal financial and business interests. Detailed descriptions of these possible conflicts can be found in Annex D.

4. Advice

Based on the above, the Integrity Chamber advises the following:

- a. Strengthen the current process for the nomination and appointment of candidate-ministers by differentiating three (3) screening phases, namely the recruitment, screening, and monitoring phases.
 1. **Recruitment phase:** (1) Utilize integrity norms and values as a guideline when selecting candidate-ministers from on or off a political party list (Annex A). (2) Request the candidate-ministers to submit information, have a conversation with the candidates, and determine their suitability (Annex B). (3) Encourage potential candidate-ministers to conduct a self-assessment (Annex C).
 2. **Screening phase:** Reinforce the current screening process by consolidating the various screening requirements into a national ordinance and strengthening the process by incorporating additional integrity-related investigations. Establish a list of criteria and norms and values by which candidate-ministers must be assessed.
 3. **Monitoring phase:** Monitor the behavior of ministers on matters related to integrity, during and after their tenure. Specifically in the areas that can cause a (potential or perceived) conflict of interest (Annex D).
- b. Ensure transparency and awareness of the screening process and the criteria while respecting the candidate-ministers' privacy.

⁹ By means of a vote of no confidence (Article 3, paragraph 2, of the Constitution)

- c. Review and modify current laws and procedures to include additional integrity aspects based on this advice.

5. Response

The Integrity Chamber trusts that this advice will be beneficial to government to improve the screening process of ministers and that the three (3) phased approach will be utilized during the forming of Government after the upcoming snap elections.

In accordance with Article 18 of the National Ordinance, you are kindly requested to provide a motivated response to this advice within eight (8) weeks of the date of this letter, no later than October 7, 2024. A copy of this advice will be submitted to Parliament and published in the National Gazette. Your written response to this advice will also be published in the National Gazette.

If you have any questions or if you require any assistance in the implementation of this advice, do not hesitate to contact the Integrity Chamber.

Sincerely,

The Integrity Chamber

G.R. Bergman, President

R.A. Boasman

H.R. Lodder

Cc: - Parliament of Sint Maarten
- Governor of Sint Maarten

Annex A: Integrity Norms

A list of integrity norms that can help to determine the norms and values for candidate-ministers are provided below. The list is not exhaustive.

- **Independence:** The candidate-minister must ensure that their independent position cannot be questioned or challenged. This will ensure the objectivity of the candidate-minister when making decisions.
- **Confidential:** The candidate-minister will have access to information that must be handled with integrity. The candidate-minister should not share (confidential) information with third parties, provide false information or use non-public information obtained in the exercise of the office for their (or a third party's) benefit.
- **Respect:** The candidate-minister should actively and passively show respect towards others in word, attitude, (body) language, attentiveness, and appearance.
- **Honesty:** The candidate-minister must be honest, verify facts before they speak, stay clear of repeating rumours, and hold themselves accountable when a mistake is made.
- **Work ethic:** The candidate-minister should be seen as dedicated, a hard worker, and as an effective and efficient person who gets their work done.
- **Public perception:** The candidate-minister should actively guard against negative public perceptions. The candidate-minister should be mindful of where they go and what they say and do. The candidate-minister should not be involved or accused of breaking the law or having integrity issues.
- **Competent:** The candidate-minister should be skilled, effective, knowledgeable, humble, and confident.
- **Recurring patterns:** Attention should be paid to recurring patterns of behaviour in the candidate-minister in different situations over time. Particularly, attention should be paid to behaviour displayed when candidate-ministers are under pressure, as it then becomes more difficult to mask true feelings and motives.
- **Leadership:** The candidate should have leadership qualities. Previous results in leadership should bear consideration.

When observed in candidate-ministers, the following attributes should be avoided:

- **Biases:** Biases concerning age, race, gender, nationality, etc.
- **Unwanted behaviours:** Behaviours that are dishonest, manipulative, abusive of power, lack of care for others, and reckless.
- **History of integrity issues:** Previously displayed irregularities concerning corruption, embezzlement, fraud, mismanagement of resources, leaking confidential information, performing favours for family and friends.
- **Impression management:** Overbearingly seeking to present their policies, political parties and themselves in a positive light while ignoring negative public perceptions.
- **(Potential) Conflicts of Interest:** Any connections with legal entities, third-parties, vendors/suppliers, or businesses, which may prove to be problematic.

Annex B: Selection Process for Candidate-Ministers

The below three (3) steps can aid political parties in the process of selecting a candidate-minister.

Step 1:

Request information from the possible candidate-minister such as a resume, an in-depth list of ancillary activities and external interests, and any other integrity prerequisite from the party (questionnaire, signed Code of Conduct), etc. The candidate should report all ancillary activities and external interests prior to the acceptance of their role. It should then be determined if the candidate's activities (potentially) conflict with the effective execution of the minister position.

Examples of ancillary activities and external interests include, board positions, volunteer work, financial and business interests, land and property, shares, debts, various sources of income, etc.

The information provided should cover a sufficient period of time (5-10 years).

Step 2:

Have a conversation with the candidate concerning the information provided. The conversation should include a discussion on the candidate's motivation to be a minister, their network, their view on integrity, their personal qualities (strengths and weaknesses), and any irregularities that were encountered based on the received information, etc.

The following questions can be posed to the candidate as part of step 2 in the selection phase:

1. How do you define integrity, and why do you believe it is important?
2. Describe a situation where your integrity was challenged. How did you handle it?
3. How do you balance transparency and confidentiality?
4. Do you currently have any potential conflicts that may hamper the effective execution of your tasks as a minister?
5. Are there situations where there might be a conflict between your personal interests and your professional responsibilities?
6. Has there ever been a complaint or legal procedure started against you?
7. Have you ever been arrested, convicted, or sentenced for a crime?
8. Have you ever declared bankruptcy or been placed under financial supervision? Do you have any outstanding debts that you currently cannot pay?
9. Is there any reason that you would not pass the screening for a minister?

The party can also utilize the self-assessment questions in Annex C as a reference.

Step 3:

Based on the above steps and after careful review of the candidate's profile, a decision can be made whether someone is suitable for recommendation as a candidate-minister to the formateur.

Annex C: Self-Assessment Questions for Candidate-Ministers

Examples of self-assessment questions for possible candidate-ministers.

1. Am I able to uphold the integrity values of the party that selected me?
2. Has there ever been a complaint or integrity procedure started against me in my work history, related to my performance? Have I been confronted in any other way for unethical behavior?
3. Are there persons in my network who can pose an integrity risk to me in the fulfillment of my role as minister?
4. Have I ever been involved in any (criminal) legal proceedings in the past, and/or in any upcoming or ongoing legal proceedings in any form?
5. Have I made any public statements (for example in interviews, publications, or social media) that could pose a risk in relation to my position as a minister?
6. Have I shared messages and/or photos in the past that would now be seen as controversial or inappropriate or that might otherwise pose a risk to the execution of my role as a minister?
7. Have I or someone in my immediate family ever been the subject of controversy in the media?
8. Have I (or someone in my circle of family or friends) engaged in activities in my personal or political life, that could hinder my role as a minister, or that could make me susceptible to blackmail?
9. Do the organisations associated with my external interests or ancillary activities have a financial relationship with the government or the ministry that I have been selected for?
10. Are any of my current positions incompatible with the role of minister? If so, am I willing to resign from these positions? (Article 34 of the Constitution)
11. Do I understand that I cannot make any decisions as minister that can, for example, benefit my personal or business interests, or those of my family, friends, and (business) partners? (Article 35 of the Constitution)
12. Can I abide by the oath as regulated in Article 41 of the Constitution?

Annex D: Areas of Potential Conflicts of Interest for Ministers

Examples of specific areas that can cause a (potential or perceived) conflict of interest or integrity issue for (current and former) ministers, and should be actively monitored, include:

- **Ancillary Activities:** Ancillary activities can become a source of conflict for ministers during the execution of their function. Ancillary activities include all (non)professional, paid, and unpaid activities carried out by a minister, which are not related to their appointment, whether these activities are carried out within, or outside, working hours, in the context of conducting a trade or business or in order to fulfill an administrative, management or supervisory position.
All ancillary activities and external interests should be disclosed prior to appointment via a “Disclosure of External Interests” form. During the tenure of the minister disclosure should be done yearly, and under specific circumstances, including any changes throughout the year that are relevant to disclose. In this way, the administration is regularly updated and any form of (perceived) conflict can be detected in an early stage.
- **Gift-giving and receiving:** For the sake of integrity and transparency, it is crucial to have clear and consistent guidelines for giving and receiving gifts. Ministers must always exercise restraint when giving or receiving gifts. Gifts in the form of services, cash, vouchers or other cash equivalents, should not be accepted. Gifts given with the apparent intention of obtaining a political favor, contract, or service should also not be accepted. If a gift cannot be accepted, it should be returned with an accompanying letter stating the reason. For more guidelines on gifts, see the Integrity Chamber’s Advice on the Ministerial Gift Policy (2020).
- **Confidential information:** Ministers have a considerable amount of (confidential) information at their disposal. It is not ethical for a minister to use information that is not (yet) public to benefit themselves or others. Examples include the availability and issuance of long-lease land or the awarding of contracts.
- **Bidding and tendering processes:** Every government makes purchases for assets and services, for example, road construction, government vehicles, catering, research, etc. Ministers are the ultimate decision-makers as it pertains to bidding and tendering procedures within their ministries. As a result, they are vulnerable to integrity risks such as unfairness and corruption. A robust (legal) framework is necessary to prevent integrity issues.
- **Personal financial and business interests:** Ministers must be objective and avoid any appearance that decisions are made to benefit their financial and business interests. It is not only the ministry for which a minister is directly responsible, that is relevant. As a member of the Council of Ministers, a minister is involved in decision-making on all topics discussed. Therefore, strict rules of conduct should be established to which candidate-ministers should commit themselves.

CONDENCED BALANCE SHEET OF THE CENTRALE BANK VAN CURAÇAO EN SINT MAARTEN

The condensed balance sheet of the Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten for the month of May 2024:
(millions of NAf.)

Assets	31-May-24	Difference compared to 30-Apr-24	Liabilities	31-May-24	Difference compared to 30-Apr-24
Claims on nonresidents	4,716.8	32.0	Liabilities to nonresidents	380.5	-18.4
Gold	1,241.7	21.8	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	380.5	-18.4
Official reserves	3,035.8	10.2			
Other	439.4	0.0			
Domestic assets	606.7	2.5	Domestic liabilities	3,386.5	21.3
			Currency in circulation	567.2	10.4
Claims on the government	281.6	0.3	Government deposits	204.3	4.1
Government paper in portfolio	0.0	0.0	Government of Curaçao	135.5	4.4
Government agencies and institutions	281.5	0.3	Government of Sint Maarten	67.2	-0.3
Other	0.0	0.0	Former Central Government	1.1	0.0
			Government agencies and institutions	0.4	0.0
Claims on deposit money banks	0.0	0.0	Liabilities to deposit money banks	2,385.0	-10.3
Current account balances	0.0	0.0	Current account balances	445.1	-21.8
			Certificates of Deposit	287.3	-14.5
			Required reserves	1,652.6	26.0
Claims on other sectors	325.2	2.2	Liabilities to other sectors	230.1	17.1
Other assets	325.2	2.2	Deposits of other residents	164.7	15.4
			Other liabilities	65.5	1.7
			Capital and reserves	1,556.5	31.6
Total assets	5,323.5	34.5	Total liabilities	5,323.5	34.5

In May 2024, the Bank maintained the percentage of the required reserves at 19.00%. However, the amount of required reserves increased by NAf.26.0 million due to a rise in the base upon which it is calculated.¹⁰ The amount of outstanding Certificates of Deposit (CDs) dropped by NAf.14.5 million as the commercial banks subscribed for a lower amount during both the weekly auctions of CDs with a maturity of two weeks and the biweekly auctions, where CDs with maturities of three, six and twelve months are offered.

Base money¹¹ dropped by NAf.11.4 million due to a decline in the current account balances of the commercial banks (NAf.21.8 million), moderated by an increase in currency in circulation (NAf.10.4 million). The decrease in the current account balances was primarily the result of the increase in the required reserves and the withdrawal of dollar balances by the commercial banks at the Bank. Furthermore, the transfers by the government of Sint Maarten and other financial institutions to their accounts at the Bank contributed to the decline in the current account balances. This decline was, however, mitigated by the net sale of foreign exchange by the commercial banks to the Bank, the net repayment of matured CDs, and the transfers by the government of Curaçao and pension funds from their accounts at Bank to their accounts at the commercial banks. The increase in currency in circulation was mainly due to increased demand from the public because of some public holidays in May.

The item "Liabilities to non-residents" dropped by NAf.18.4 million because of a decrease in the deposits of the commercial banks in Bonaire and the Central Bank of Aruba at the Bank. Moreover, the deposits of the Dutch Ministry of Finance dropped due to payments to pension funds related to an annuity loan that was taken over by the Dutch State under the debt relief program and are held in the portfolio of the pension funds, moderated

¹⁰ The base amount is equal to the commercial banks' domestic liabilities -/- long-term deposits.

¹¹ The sum of currency in circulation and the current account balances of the commercial banks at the Bank.

by the transfer of funds from abroad. The drop in the item “Liabilities to non-residents” was, however, mitigated by an increase in the deposits of the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) because of the payment of interest on bonds issued by Curaçao and Sint Maarten that are held by the Dutch State.

The net position of the governments with the Bank improved by NAf.4.1 million due to an increase in the deposits of Curaçao (NAf.4.4 million). This increase was due to the transfer of collected license fees for the month of April 2024 by the Bank, moderated by transfers from its account at the Bank towards its accounts at commercial banks and the interest payments to the Dutch State. Meanwhile, the deposits of the government of Sint Maarten remained practically unchanged as the payment of interest to the Dutch State was offset by the transfers from the accounts of Sint Maarten at the commercial banks.

Furthermore, the item “Liabilities to other sectors” rose by NAf.17.1 million, which was mainly the result of the payments by the Dutch Ministry of Finance in connection with the annuity loan and the transfers by other financial institutions from their accounts at the commercial banks.

The item “Official reserves” on the assets side of the balance sheet rose by NAf 10.2 million, primarily due to the net sale of foreign exchange by the commercial banks to the Bank and the transfers from abroad by the pension funds and the Dutch Ministry of Finance. However, the withdrawal of dollar deposits by the commercial banks and the transactions by the Central Bank of Aruba and commercial banks in Bonaire moderated the increase in the item “Official reserves”.

Finally, the item “Gold” on the assets side of the balance sheet rose by NAf 21.8 million due to an increase in market value of gold at the balance sheet date compared to the end of April 2024. The higher gold price was due mainly to the continuing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and market expectations that an interest rate cut by the Fed should be forthcoming soon. The increase in the item “Capital and reserves” on the liabilities side of the balance sheet was related to, among other things, the higher market value of the gold reserves.

Willemstad, August 1, 2024

Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten

CONDENCED BALANCE SHEET OF THE CENTRALE BANK VAN CURAÇAO EN SINT MAARTEN

The condensed balance sheet of the Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten for the month of June 2024:
(millions of NAf.)

Assets	30-Jun-24	Difference compared to 31-May-24	Liabilities	30-Jun-24	Difference compared to 31-May-24
Claims on nonresidents	4,744.1	27.3	Liabilities to nonresidents	382.0	1.5
Gold	1,232.5	-9.2	Deposits of nonresidents in foreign currency	382.0	1.5
Official reserves	3,072.3	36.5			
Other	439.4	0.0			
Domestic assets	607.2	0.5	Domestic liabilities	3,413.9	27.3
			Currency in circulation	554.1	-13.1
Claims on the government	281.8	0.3	Government deposits	220.2	16.0
Government paper in portfolio	0.0	0.0	Government of Curaçao	139.0	3.5
Government agencies and institutions	281.8	0.3	Government of Sint Maarten	79.7	12.5
Other	0.0	0.0	Former Central Government	1.1	0.0
			Government agencies and institutions	0.4	0.0
Claims on deposit money banks	0.0	0.0	Liabilities to deposit money banks	2,430.4	45.4
Current account balances	0.0	0.0	Current account balances	500.5	55.3
			Certificates of Deposit	270.4	-16.9
			Required reserves	1,659.6	7.0
Claims on other sectors	325.4	0.3	Liabilities to other sectors	209.2	-20.9
Other assets	325.4	0.3	Deposits of other residents	147.8	-16.8
			Other liabilities	61.4	-4.1
			Capital and reserves	1,555.4	-1.0
Total assets	5,351.3	27.8	Total liabilities	5,351.3	27.8

In June 2024, the Bank maintained the percentage of the required reserves at 19.00%. However, the amount of required reserves increased by NAf.7.0 million due to a rise in the base upon which it is calculated.¹² The amount of outstanding Certificates of Deposit (CDs) dropped by NAf.16.9 million as the commercial banks subscribed for a lower amount during the biweekly auctions, where CDs with maturities of three, six and twelve months are offered.

Base money¹³ rose by NAf.42.2 million due to an increase in the current account balances of the commercial banks (NAf.55.3 million), mitigated by a drop in currency in circulation (NAf.13.1 million). The increase in the current account balances was primarily the result of the net sale of foreign exchange to the Bank and the increase in the dollar deposits of the commercial banks with the Bank. Furthermore, the net repayment of matured CDs by the Bank and the transfers by pension funds and the governments of Curaçao and Sint Maarten from their accounts at the Bank towards their accounts at the commercial banks contributed to the increase in the current account balances. This increase was, however, mitigated by the transfers of other financial institutions to their accounts at the Bank and the increase in the required reserves. The drop in currency in circulation was mainly due to the lower demand for cash by the public after some public holidays in May.

The item "Liabilities to non-residents" rose by NAf.1.5 million because of an increase in the deposits of the Dutch Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) and the commercial banks in Bonaire at the Bank. The deposits of the Ministry of BZK rose because of the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued by Curaçao and Sint Maarten that are held by the Dutch State. However, the increase in the item "Liabilities to non-residents" was moderated by a decrease in the deposits of the Central Bank of Aruba.

¹² The base amount is equal to the commercial banks' domestic liabilities -/- long-term deposits.

¹³ The sum of currency in circulation and the current account balances of the commercial banks at the Bank.

The net position of the governments at the Bank improved by NAf.16.0 million due to an increase in the deposits of Sint Maarten (NAf.12.5 million) and Curaçao (NAf.3.5 million). The increase in Sint Maarten's deposits was mainly caused by funds received from the trust fund at the World Bank in connection with the reconstruction of Sint Maarten. This increase was mitigated by the transfers towards the commercial banks for payments related to reconstruction projects and the payment of principal and interest to the Dutch State. The increase of the deposits of Curaçao was due to the transfer of collected license fees for the month of May 2024 by the Bank, moderated by transfers from its account at the Bank towards its accounts at commercial banks and interest payments to the Dutch State.

Furthermore, the item "Liabilities to other sectors" dropped by NAf.20.9 million, which was mainly the result of the transfers by pension funds towards their accounts at the commercial banks. The transfers of funds by other financial institutions from their accounts at the commercial banks to their accounts at the Bank moderated, however, the decrease in this item.

On the assets side of the balance sheet, the item "Official reserves" rose by NAf 36.5 million, primarily due to the net sale of foreign exchange to the Bank, the increase in dollar deposits of the commercial banks with the Bank, the transactions of the commercial banks in Bonaire and the transfers of funds from abroad by the World Bank and pension funds. However, the increase in the item "Official reserves" was mitigated by the transactions of the Central Bank of Aruba.

Finally, the item "Gold" on the assets side of the balance sheet declined by NAf 9.2 million due to a drop in the market value of gold at the balance sheet date compared to the end of May 2024. The lower gold price reflected mainly a stronger US dollar. The slight drop in the item "Capital and reserves" on the liabilities side of the balance sheet was related to, among other things, the lower market value of the gold reserves.

Willemstad, August 13, 2024

Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten