

## **DRAFT MOTION**

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, Monday 27th April, 2020;

**CONSIDERING THAT:**

1. on March 17th 2020, the Prime Minister of St. Maarten announced that St. Maarten has recorded its first COVID-19 (Coronavirus) case and will proceed with the closure of schools and non-essential businesses;
2. the financial outlook for the remainder of 2020 of the Government of St. Maarten has been negatively affected by the Coronavirus pandemic;
3. the 2020 budget will have to be amended given the current national and international economy;
4. with the advent of online, virtual meetings and conferences there is no demand or pertinent need for physical travel;
5. both Parliament and Government will be looking at various cost-cutting measures to alleviate the increased financial strain caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
6. since Hurricane Irma and now with the approaching recession due to COVID-19, Government and Parliament will have to make legislative amendments with positive financial consequences;

**RESOLVES TO:**

- Request the Minister of Finance to present a comprehensive approach to cost-cutting measures within 15 days;
- Request the Government to reduce the salaries of the Council of Ministers and Members of Parliament by 5%, for a period of six (6) months;
- Request a general reduction in material costs of both the Parliament and the Council of Ministers by 20%;
- Review, within the next 6 months, the 'Pensioenregeling politieke gezagdragers' (AB2010 GT. 8) regarding the transitional allowance of public office holders, in order to make economical fiscal adjustments.

And goes over to the order of the day.



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Solange Ludmila Duncan  
Member of Parliament



PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Public Meeting no. 23

Voting List

*Motion*  
No. 1

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
1.	W.V. Marlin	X	
2.	Akeem E. Arrindell	X	
3.	Sidharth M. Bylani	X	
4.	Rolando Brison	X	
5.	Claudius A. Buncamper	X	
6.	Solange L. Duncan	X	
7.	Christophe T. Emmanuel	X	
8.	Melissa D. Gumbs		X
9.	Grisha S. Heyliger-Marten	X	
10.	Omar E.C. Otley	X	
11.	George C. Pantophlet	X	
12.	Raeyhon A. Peterson		X
13.	Hyacinth L. Richardson	X	
14.	Angelique J.G. Romou	X	
15.	Sarah A. Wescot-Williams		X

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