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governing our status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and that of the French side directly falling under France.

Moreover, I have submitted the following Process Proposal that can be applicable in bringing about a Structural Solution from the part of our Government, as well as our Parliament Representatives of the People of Sint Maarten.

- 1. We need to have the Council of Ministers of Sint Maarten, which is our Government establish an Official Position in a convened Meeting of the Council of Ministers.
- 2. The Prime Minister must play her role in leading this specifically from a Reconstruction perspective after Hurricane Irma, which would be the primary reason that specifically the Venezuelans as well as work forces from other Countries are here in the first place.
- 2. The Minister of Justice along with the Minister of Labor should be addressing the Migration movement to Sint Maarten from a Labor and Employment Opportunities Perspective. Illegal employment and heavy fining being the focus, while taking the swift Rebuilding of Sint Maarten/ Saint Martin into serious consideration.
- 3. Out of this must follow tightening up control in these areas as far as our Laws in these areas are concerned.
- 4. The Prime Minister, Ministers of Justice and Labor, along with other Members of the Council of Ministers must present to Parliament with this potentially threatening situation that can be devastating to the Social and Economic Stability of Sint Maarten, our Legal Labor Force and our already clear and present danger of local unemployment at a height on the island never experienced before.
- 5. Parliament must take a unanimous position on all of this, taking the humanitarian situation of the Venezuelan refugees already on the island into account.
- 6. An appointed Delegation of Parliament, the Prime Minister, the Ministers of Justice and Labor must take the lead in this.
- 7. This Delegation must approach this by way of the Kingdom Government, in order to approach the Government of France, who will take this back to the Government of French Saint Martin, where this large movement of humanitarian migration is originating from.

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8. The Governments of France and the Netherlands MUST expeditiously take a decision with our Local Authorities in quickly and swiftly solving this. And the preferred Approach would be for France and the Netherlands to take on this Venezuelan refugee movement to Sint Maarten/

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9. Non-actions taken by the Netherlands, France, as well as eventually the United Nations if necessary, with the probable involvement of the United States, will allow this to become a huge problem for our small island, French and Dutch side, and our economic survivability, which is already a huge problem.

Note that this problem will still end up in The Hague and Paris at the detrimental cost of the People and Economies of both Sint Maarten/ Saint Martin.

Yours sincerely,

Achken R. Richardson

A very concerned Sint Maartener & Citizen

Cc:

-Faction Leaders in Parliament of the UD/ NA/ USP/ SMCP

-Mr. Chris Johnson-Interior & Kingdom Relations (BZK)

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-Ms. Jorien Wuite-Minister Plenipotentiary Sint Maarten

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Attention: To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed Cover Page Stamped Copies submitted to various Government Institutions (Government of Sint Maarten/ Parliament of Sint Maarten/ BZK Dutch Representatives SXM & CUR/ Collectivite Saint Martin).

Please be informed that the Media will be receiving copies as well regarding this very serious Humanitarian Venezuelan refugees Subject.

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