

DRAFT MOTION

The Parliament of Sint Maarten in its meeting of today, May 12th, 2020;

CONSIDERS:

- That since Hurricane Irma in September of 2017, the airport had been devastated.
- That since January 7th 2019, Mr Brian Mingo has been the CEO of the Airport.
- That in the meeting of today, May 12th 2020, it has become clear that also since January 2019, Schiphol and Corgan had been charged with providing all the necessary expertise to ensure that a proper planning, design, bidding and support was provided for the construction of the airport, to ensure that the airport had all the necessary expertise to accelerate the reconstruction of the airport, specifically:
 - Corgan: “responsible for structural/architectural/mechanical, electrical, plumbing/IT/security changes in the new design. They are also responsible for the preparation of the bidding documents and the technical evaluation of the general contractors” Answer #46 of OV 18, May 12, 2020
 - Schiphol: “Schiphol provides technical support to the airport project team, by assisting with reviewing the documents produced by Corgan and the overall planning of the project” “Answer #47 of OV 18, May 12, 2020
- That in the meeting of today, the CEO of the airport in his answering stated that a major part of the delay is that “Bill of quantities” is still being produced, despite the fact that the Schiphol and Corgan group were both made available for more than 1 and a half years to provide this to the airport.
- That these and other delays result in a proposed timeline by the airport for starting the procurement for the project to be in Q3 of 2020 (July-September), which will result in airport construction not beginning until 2021, and not completed until at best January 2022.
- That despite the fact that it cannot be immediately quantified, one can reasonably hypothesize that such delays have cost and will continue to cost St. Maarten millions of guilders in potentially lost revenues, as well as millions in potential construction sector revenue, a much needed boom considering our precarious economic situation.
- That in each presentation of the airport to parliament since April of 2018, the timeline for airport reconstruction has shifted further and further away every time.
- That clarity is needed in the way forward for the reconstruction in the airport, and having this documented in the form of a “Performance Plan” could shed much more light to parliament, government and stakeholders, and create a level of accountability and standards that the airport can be held to.

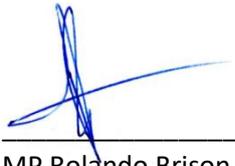
RESOLVES:

- To have the government request of the airport, via the requisite boards and procedures, for a concrete performance plan (providing no force majeure interruption) for the reconstruction of the airport. The performance plan should include:
 - Simultaneous timelines for financial tasks, procurement, pre-construction (Eg. Mold Remediation), construction, evaluation, opening and future maintenance

- That government should consider using this plan as an additional tool for the evaluation of the supervisory board as well as the management board, and it should be provided to parliament.
- To have the holding board update the government on the evaluation of the CEO to be finalized within 4 weeks.

And goes over to the order of the day.

Signed:



MP Rolando Brison

Copies of this motion, if approved, will also be sent to

- Council of Ministers
- Governor of St. Maarten