



PRIME MINISTER OF SINT MAARTEN
Minister-President van Sint Maarten

To: State Secretary of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations
Mr. Raymond Knops
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Kingdom Relations

Philipsburg, March 17, 2020

DIV no.: 11379/A

Subject: Reaction to reference 2021-0000148859

Dear Mr. Knops,

With reference to the correspondence sent by email on your behalf on March 16, 2021, I hereby provide clarity as requested on the continued commitment of this Council of Ministers for the process that we started in December 2020, and are currently engaged in.

Yesterday, March 16, 2021, the Council of Ministers approved the concept implementation plan drafted by technical staff of the Government of Sint Maarten with input from the “Tijdelijke Werkorganisatie”, in keeping with the agreements on the implementation on the structural reforms, which we signed on December 22, 2021. The working relationship thus far has been very productive and an agreement on a technical and political level is established. This approval, ahead of the April 1, 2021 deadline, clearly shows our continued commitment to the realization of the Country Package. I also look forward to the Four Country Consultation meeting on the way forward with the Kingdom law COHO scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021, as discussed in our telephone conversation of Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

I hereby also inform that your letter has been forwarded to the Parliament of Sint Maarten. It should be noted, considering that there is a Central Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, March 19, 2021, wherein I will be presenting the draft implementation plan to the Members of Parliament, that the confirmation of support from Parliament as requested may be delayed at least until that meeting is concluded.

Lastly, please allow me this opportunity to reiterate that, despite the petition launched by the Parliament to have an investigation done, the Council of Ministers maintains a majority support in Parliament for the ongoing process for the implementation of the Country Package.

With the clarification provided herein, I trust that we can continue to move forward with this process.

Sincerely,


Ms. Silveria E. Jacobs
Prime Minister of Sint Maarten

Cc. Council of Ministers