



To the Hon. Dr. Luc Mercelina, PM Country St. Maarten
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Philipsburg PRESENT – via email

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THE THIRD WAY: THE PRO SOUALIGA FORMULA (PSF)

Er moet dus, hetzij in strijd met artikel 59 lid 2 Staatsregeling, hetzij met de wettelijke voorgeschreven verkiezingsprocedure worden gehandeld. Een andere weg is er niet! (Prof. dr. Arjen van Rijn in his advice to the Central voting bureau of May 23, 2024)

Contrary to what the good professor says and, what the Central Bureau is trying to execute, there is a third way, the PSF formula to comply with the 90 days of article 59:2 of the Constitution of Country St. Maarten and, all other ancillary electoral laws, with one simple step.

The formula is quite simple:

1. Take the date of the LB, say may 27, 2024
2. Add 21 days to give new parties space to register
3. This yields the deadline for new parties to register, which becomes June 17
4. Add 42 days to arrive at the postulation date which is then July 29, 2024
- 5. The critical step is now to make the effective date of the LB, or the date it enters into force, also July 29, 2024.**
6. Election date is postulation date (July 29) plus 48 days or September 16
7. New parliament sit between 80-90 days after postulation date which is between October 19 – 29.

8. Result: Between the effective date of the LB, July 29 and October 29 exactly 90 days have transpired.

Notice how the PSF avoids breaking any laws? To the contrary, it allows ALL the other electoral laws which have a time limit, to be complied with. Before any changes are made to the existing LB, which might again result in violating article 59:2 of the Constitution, we urge you take the PSF into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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