



**SINT EUSTATIUS  
CARIBISCH NEDERLAND**

**Decision and commitment list Extra Island Council Meeting, 27th September 2022 at V.A. Lopes Legislative Hall (Government Guest House)**

Present:

Deputy Commissioner C. Toet  
Government Commissioner M.A.U. Francis (later)

Councilman R. Merkman  
Councilman N. Sneek  
Council lady F. Spanner  
Council lady R. Leerdam  
Councilman C. van Putten

Interim Registrar H. Andeweg

	<b>Agenda point</b>	<b>Decisions &amp; Commitments</b>
1.	Opening	
2.	Announcements	Government Commissioner M.A.U. Francis joins the meeting later. Deputy Commissioner take over her place as chairlady in the meeting.
3.	Setting of agenda	On behalf of councilman Sneek a proposal to discuss about a motion regarding the position of the Dutch Government. The majority of the council agrees with this proposal, but wants to discuss about it after the other points have been discussed.
4.	Transport of persons ordinance	Councilman C. van Putten states that he normally disagrees with the ordinances, because of the position of the Dutch government in addition to this ordinances. In the case of the ordinances presented for this meeting of the IC councilman C. van Putten stated to



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		<p>vote “voor” because of the importance for Sint Eustatius to get back their own elected commissioners.</p> <p>The ordinance is agreed with 4 votes (councilman Sneek was not present at the moment of voting).</p>
5.	Liquor and Hospitality Ordinance	<p>The ordinance is agreed with 4 votes (councilman Sneek was not present at the moment of voting).</p>
6.	Building code ordinance	<p>The ordinance is agreed with 4 votes (councilman Sneek was not present at the moment of voting).</p>
7	Traffic ordinance	<p>The ordinance is agreed with 4 votes (councilman Sneek was not present at the moment of voting).</p> <p>.</p>
8.	Motion regarding the position of the Dutch Government	<p>Councilman Sneek presents the motion on behalf of his fraction and the PLP.</p> <p>Councilman N.Sneek states that the Dutch Government doesn't pay serious attention to the situation on Sint Eustatius. They force the IC to pass ordinances without time to do serious investigation. Councilman Sneek demands the Dutch Government to restore the local democracy completely on Sint Eustatius by 15 march 2023.</p> <p>Council lady R. Leerdam states that she is tired about all the things she has to cope with as member of the IC. Sint Eustatius as IC is ready to get control about their own island and demands the Dutch Government to make serious action to restore the democracy before the next election in 2023.</p>



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		<p>Councilman R. Merkman also states that the Dutch Government is not serious about Sint Eustatius. He feels as if we are being punished for things in which he has no influence or control about. Councilman C. van Putten states that Sint Eustatius must realize that the Netherlands is not really concerned about what is going on in Sint Eustatius. Sint Eustatius deserves her own government, led by its own people, because only they know what is in the best interest of Sint Eustatius. Council lady A.Spanner states that both IC and Government Commissioners have part in this situation. To her, we knew that the ordinances had to be passed before getting back the commissioners. The motion agreed with the votes of council lady R.Leerdam, councilmen N. Sneek, R. Merkman and C. van Putten. Council lady A. Spanner votes against.</p>
9.	Closing	The meeting has ended at 17.30 a.m.

Adopted on .....2022

The Deputy Registrar,

Mr. H. Andeweg

The Chairlady of the Island Council,

Ms. M.A.U Francis