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Your reference

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Re Procedure aanvraag schriftelijke volmacht

Dear Mr. Van Rij,

In connection with the election of the members of the Sint Eustatius island council on October 21, 2020, you have asked us to provide information about the procedure for requesting written authorizations. This letter is to inform you of the procedure.

Under Section L 8, to be read in conjunction with Sections Ya 3 and Ya 13 of the Elections Act, a voter who wishes to vote by proxy must submit an application to that end. The voter designates a proxy in the application, which must include a declaration by the proxy that he or she is prepared to act as such. A model application exists, which is model L 8. The model is available at www.verkiezingentoolkit.nl (at 'Toolkit modellen').

The law permits the submission of an application by email. The person issuing the authorization must then complete and sign the application, scan the signed copy and email it to the proxy. The proxy, in turn, prints the application, fills in the declaration, signs it and returns a scanned copy to the person issuing the authorization. The latter then emails the application to the public body.

Under Section L 10(a) of the Elections Act, an application must be refused if it is found that it was not the voter who designated the proxy.

To be certain that the person issuing the authorization has indeed designated the proxy, I recommend that you contact the person issuing the authorization when the application has been submitted. You may do so by using the telephone number stated on the application. I recommend that you check with this person whether he or she did indeed intend another person – i.e. the proxy stated on the application – to vote on his or her behalf, and that you verify whether the person issuing the authorization took the initiative in this respect. If it turns out that this

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is not the case, the application must be refused with reference to Section L 10(a) of the Elections Act.

I trust that this information is sufficient for your purposes.

Yours sincerely,
The Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations,
On whose behalf,



Dr. R. Bagchus,
Director of Democracy and Governance