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In response to the Parliamentary Deliberations of 3 June 2020¹, concerning the adoption of the St. Eustatius Provisions Restoration Act, a debate took place concerning the potential establishment of a local, autonomous citizen participation council. Please refer to the enclosed report. The State Secretary of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Mr Van Dam, promised to submit this proposal to the Public Entity of St. Eustatius. On 14 October, the Government Commissioner of St. Eustatius contacted the members of the Island Council of St. Eustatius to fulfil the promise aforementioned.

¹ For informative purposes, I want to inform you that no Island Council had been appointed and installed on St. Eustatius at the moment of the aforementioned Parliamentary Deliberations. The Government Commissioner was advised by a Civil Society Advisory Board from a civil perspective, which was dissolved because of the installation of the current Island Council.



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The chairs of the political groups PLP, Ms Leerdam, and Lijst Sneek, Mr Sneek, rejected this (refer to the annexes). The DP group did not provide a response. The LPL and Lijst Sneek explicitly argue against the potential establishment of a citizen participation council and adopt the position that they represent the population as elected representatives.

The Government Commissioner and her deputy concluded that a majority of 4 (3 council representatives of the LPL and Lijst Sneek) versus 1 (abstention by the DP) of the Island Council rejected the installation of a citizen participation council.

The (Deputy) Government Commissioner believes that the promise of the State Secretary has been adequately fulfilled in this manner.

Trusting to have informed you sufficiently in this manner, I conclude,

Yours sincerely,



Ms Claudia Toet
Deputy Government Commissioner
