

Draft decision and commitment list Central Committee, September 23th 2021 at 2pm at V.A. Lopes Legislative Hall (Government Guest House)

Present:

Council lady F.Spanner
 Council man N.Sneek
 Council lady R.Leerdam
 Councilman R.Merkman
 Councilman C.Van Putten
 Gov. Comm M.A.U Francis
 Dep. Gov. Comm. C.Toet
 Deputy Registrar: E.Jami

Absent:

	Agenda point	Commitments
1.	Opening	
2.	Announcements	Melissa is not present
3.	Setting of agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: I want to add point to the agenda: GTI affairs and Coronapas - C. van Putten: I need some clarity regarding of these ordinances. We are told that based on the law that Island Council has no say in financial component. - N. Sneek: agenda point ontwerpverordening landen en parkeren vliegveld EUX is not correct, since this ordinance is already passed and implemented. - Government Commissioner: The Island Council has no rights regarding financial components. Our motivation is to give Island Council the opportunity to disuses the matter.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C. van Putten: It should be removed from the agenda. - N. Sneek: It does not make sense to discuss an ordinance that is already passed. - F. Spanner: I don't see raadsvoorstel en raadsbesluit. - R. Leerdam: there should be some consistency regarding the ordinances. The Island Council discuss financial matters or not. - Chairman: point 6 will be removed from the agenda.
4.	Ratification of list of commitments and decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ratified
5.	Ratification of list incoming documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: I still waiting for the answers from my written questions on august 23, 2021 are not yet answered.
6.	Ontwerpverordening landen en parkeren vliegveld EUX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This agenda point will not be discussed according to the wishes of the Central Committee.
7.	Herzien ontwerp verordening havenbeveiliging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: - N. Sneek: most of the questions of R. Leerdam is already asked. As far as I am concerned, this ordinance can move to the floor of the Island Council. - F. Spanner: I have the same sentiment as N. Sneek.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Commissioner: we have to security chief here and harbor master. They can answer the questions of R. Leerdam. - R. Leerdam: Art 1 harbor area. Map of harbor area; is the Jetty included in the harbor area? It is not enclosed. - Harbor Master: We do have a map of the harbor area. It is in compliance with ISPS. It is an open area for boats and passengers that leaves and clears customs. - R. Leerdam: Art 2: Why is GTI port excluded from the ordinance? How is their compliance with ISPS guaranteed and monitored? - Harbor Master: GTI is also in compliance with ISPS. GTI has their certification and is done by ISPS committee that is established. - R. Leerdam: Is there a diagram available of the organizational structure at the harbor? - Security chief: Specifically on the security, I will provide it for you on writing on a diagram which is clear.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- R. Leerdam: These are the different authorities and entities mentioned in the ordinance. Art. 3. Is a map available showing the various zones in the harbor, red and yellow zones? Need for a third Orange zone? - Harbor Master: Yes, there is. We can provide that. - R. Leerdam: According to the draft the Red zone is “accessible for a limited category of the persons working at the harbor;” this implies for persons working at the harbor who may not enter a red zone and are clearly not confined to the Yellow zone of visitors, that there must be a third zone where these non-red-zone workers can operate; is there a need for an Orange zone? - Harbor Master: No, according to ISPS there is need for a green zone. But that is public area, which is outside of the port. - R. Leerdam: Art 4.7 are holders of day passes also registered. Registered in daily log? - Security chief: Yes, they are registered in the daily log.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: Art 12 Is an area already designated as “inspectieruimte,” or can any available space serve this purpose? Will there be always security personnel of the same sex present at any time? - Security chief: No, there no official room. Requirement regarding privacy mention that it needs to be in a close space. With respect to the harbor, we use the toilet space. - R. Leerdam: Art 17.4 A ship in quarantine must be moored at least 3 meters from other vessels; 3 meters seem insignificant in ship-mooring terms; is this correct? - Harbor Master: 3 meters means absolutely nothing. We are talking about cables. When a ship is in quarantine, the ship stays in anchor, and they have to raise the yellow flag. - R. Leerdam: Art 19.1 The term “kapitein” is used here; this can mean the captain or whoever at the time is replacing the captain or is in charge/command of the ship; compare with Art. 2.8 where a directive to a ship is meant for whoever is in charge of the ship at that time. Q: should there not be a description of what is
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		<p>meant by “kapitein” in Art. 1?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harbor Master: the term kapitein is just the same word as captain. It is a Dutch name with the same meaning. - R. Leerdam: Art 19.4 Can government explain the term “kadraaien?” - Harbor Master: it means selling stuff on board. - Chairman: Can the ordinance be moved to Island Council? - Four members are FOR the proposal to move it to the Island Council: member Sneek, member Spanner, member Leerdam and member Merkman. Members against: C. van Putten.
8.	GTI Statia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: Wat is going on with GTI? Based on the projected income, I am worried about this. Did GTI reach out to you to maintain it in Statia? With all the Dutch regulation, is this stifling GTI? - N. Sneek: it is of great concern to me too. Most people in private sector in Statia are employed by GTI. I feel this not on the radar of the Executive Council. Harbor fees are

		<p>exceeding those from our neighboring islands.</p> <p>I support the question of R. Leerdam regarding regulations coming from the Netherlands.</p> <p>It is time that the executive council to act on this matter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- C. van Putten: I join with the previous speakers regarding their concern of GTI. GTI is a sustaining piler for the people of Statia. Closing of GTI has huge implication for Statia. I will now leave the meeting since I don't get the opportunity to give my opinion. - Government Commissioner: we have regularly contact with GTI. The challenges GTI faced during the pandemic was immense. The workers were sendoff Island and returning was not possible. I understand that the GTI has challenges to comply with the regulations from the Netherlands. I will have a meeting soon with the new CEO and I will discuss the struggling's of GTI. GTI will do all they can to maintain local employment. With regards to question about harbor fees. We see that majority of stakeholders who uses the harbor say that the harbor does not meet basic requirement. We are seriously looking regarding the harbor fees to adjust it.
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		<p>But we need to look at the financial income for Statia as well. We share the same concern as the members of the Committee. We will take this up with the Dutch department. And I will send you all an update regarding my talks with the department.</p>
9.	Coronapas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - R. Leerdam: I have concerns with the coronapas. My believe is that vaccination is a matter of free choice and should not be mandated or forced. My question is: Is covid pass being discussed to be implemented in Statia? - Dep. Government Commissioner: Coronapass is also applicable in Statia. One for international travel and one for internal use. We are not now talking about implementing the corona pass. But we are talking with restaurants how to prevent spread Covid19. One side you have health care of the people and the other hand there is the economy and tourism. - R. Leerdam: will there be a consultation if corona pass will be implemented? - Government Commissioner: the pass that is mentioned, it is modeled for the big

		countries. We have to tailor our own regulations regarding covid19. To implement covid pass is not realistic.
10.	Announcement Executive Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Commissioner: two announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1- We have now one active Covid19 case in Statia. This is regarding a local. 2- I have received word instructions are coming to the general public on the tropical storm which is morphing in to hurricane.
11.	Closing	End at 4.05pm

Adopted on2021.

The Deputy Registrar,

The Chairman of the Central Committee,

Mr. E.Jami

Mr. R. Merkman