

MOTION

The Island Council of the Island Territory of Saba in its public session of today, June 28th, 2007,

Guided by, acting in accordance with, and reaffirming the motions of the Council of June 20th, 2000, June 6th, 2006, and November 6th, 2006,

Further guided by the recommendations resulting from the consultations at the United Nations in February 2001, August 2005 and June 2007,

Having received and considered the documents “Ontwerp besluitenlijst Politiek overleg Bonaire-Saba-Sint Eustatius-Nederland 20 juni 2007” and “Voorzieningenniveau BES, voorgesteld besluit 20 juni as.”, which documents the political agreement reached between delegations of said entities in Bonaire on June 20th, 2007,

Aware of, and in full support of the letters of the Executive Council of Saba of June 6th, 2007 and Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs of June 18th, 2007, both addressed to the Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Affairs,

Conscious of the fact that, in light of the latter missive, the political agreement of June 20th, 2007 was only reached after a considerable and reluctantly extended compromise in good faith on the part of Saba,

Determined to ensure that this compromise will not turn out to be to the detriment of the population of Saba and its human, social and cultural rights,

RESOLVES

To conditionally ratify the “Ontwerp besluitenlijst Politiek overleg Bonaire-Saba-Sint Eustatius-Nederland 20 juni 2007” and “Voorzieningenniveau BES, voorgesteld besluit 20 juni as.”,

That the conditions under which the “Ontwerp besluitenlijst Politiek overleg Bonaire-Saba-Sint Eustatius-Nederland 20 juni 2007” and “Voorzieningenniveau BES, voorgesteld besluit 20 juni as.” are ratified, are that the Kingdom-, Dutch-, and Antillean Government fully comply with all their respective obligations under Dutch and international law towards Saba as of the date of this motion, and that the Dutch Government ensures direct and active participation of Saba representatives in all technical and political consultations that lead up to the new constitutional relationship between Saba and The Netherlands, as agreed during the Round Table Conference of November 26th, 2005,

To charge the Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs with continuing to ensure by any means necessary, including but not limited to, judicial courts, that said conditions are lived up to by the respective governments,


To fully encourage and support any Saba individual(s) and/or organization(s) in their legitimate and structured efforts to do such as well,

That all current and future negotiations regarding constitutional reform between Saba and the other entities within the Kingdom shall be guided by this motion,

To provide the “Special Committee on the implementation of the declaration on decolonization” as well as the “Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights” of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with both a Dutch and English version of the “Ontwerp besluitenlijst Politiek overleg Bonaire-Saba-Sint Eustatius-Nederland 20 juni 2007” and “Voorzieningenniveau BES, voorgesteld besluit 20 juni as.”, and request said entities to analyze the latter documents, in order to establish if they are in accordance with international laws and/or conventions regarding decolonization, self-determination, and economic, social and cultural rights,

To instruct the Chairman to bring this motion as well as the “Ontwerp besluitenlijst Politiek overleg Bonaire-Saba-Sint Eustatius-Nederland 20 juni 2007” and “Voorzieningenniveau BES, voorgesteld besluit 20 juni as.”, to the attention of all the relevant entities within the Kingdom and beyond,

And goes over to the order of the day.



Two handwritten signatures are present at the bottom of the page. The first signature, written in cursive, reads "Willem". The second signature, also in cursive, reads "Gibson". A large, loopy scribble or flourish is drawn over the "Willem" signature and extends upwards into the text area above.