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Karel's Legal Blog (Karel Frielink, Attorney (Lawyer) / Partner)

THE DISMANTLING OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

The Country known as the Netherlands Antilles will disappear as of 10-10-10

The country, the Netherlands Antilles, consists of Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba, and forms part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. On 10 October 2010 the Netherlands Antilles will no longer exist. Two new countries will be born on that date: the country Curacao and the country St. Maarten. Both new countries will be part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; however, they will each have their own government and legislature. The island of Aruba gained similar autonomy in 1986.

The legislation currently in place in the Netherlands Antilles (Civil Code, Administrative Code, Penal Code, Code on Civil Procedure, Regulatory Codes etc.) will become the legislation of Curacao and Sint Maarten respectively. The '*cooperation regulation*' provides for uniform legislation between the countries Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten.

The three remaining islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, *a.k.a.* the BES-islands) will become special overseas territories (sort of municipalities) of the Netherlands. The BES-islands will become a Dutch public entity, which will lead to the gradual introduction of Dutch law on these islands. These territories, as well as Curacao and St. Maarten, will maintain the (limited) status of '*Overseas Communities and Territories*' within the European Union.

Under the new constitution, Curacao and St. Maarten will cooperate on several levels and together with the BES-islands will have a *Common Court of Appeal* (the *Supreme Court* will remain in The Hague). Curacao and St. Maarten will have a shared Central Bank. A new monetary unit – probably the Dutch Caribbean guilder – will replace the current Netherlands Antillean guilder in both countries.

The current reform will not affect companies in the Netherlands Antilles: a company with its statutory seat on Curacao will become a Curacao company, and a company with its statutory seat on St. Maarten will become a St. Maarten company. Such a company may still establish a branch on any of the other islands. There will be tax reforms on all of the islands, although the exact nature thereof is not yet clear. As far as (tax) treaties are concerned, Curacao and St Maarten will assume the international obligations previously undertaken by the Netherlands Antilles.

The (successor of the) Netherlands Antilles Central Bank will continue to supervise banks, funds etc. on Curacao and St. Maarten. Supervision on the BES-islands will be carried out by the Dutch Central Bank (DNB) and the Dutch Authority for the Financial Market (AFM), except for branches of banks etc. already subject to home country supervision on Curacao or St. Maarten.

The "*Concluding Statement*" or "*Slotverklaring*", which was signed between Curacao, St. Maarten, and the Netherlands in November 2006, provides for debt relief and gives Curacao and St. Maarten the opportunity to eliminate their unsustainable debt and start afresh with a new constitutional status with a clean slate. The Netherlands has reserved funding to pay the accrued interest and the greater part of the outstanding debts of Curacao and St. Maarten.

All in all, foreign investors and shareholders have nothing to fear. Despite their new constitutional status, the islands will continue to offer many (regional) advantages.

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

[Editorial - Reassurance](#)

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2010 00:25

MFK leader Gerrit Schotte has come out and said that Curaçao is not ready for independence at this point (see related article). While he tried to blame it on the former government by saying it had left the island in chaos, there can be little doubt that his statement served to address growing concerns over the direction the new MFK/PS/MAN coalition is taking.

Not only did the two latter parties vote against the Constitution of Country Curaçao, but especially PS (Pueblo Soberano) is a pro-independence party that wanted nothing to do with the status the current Island Territory will acquire when the Netherlands Antilles is dismantled. Nevertheless, MFK voted along with the former PAR/PNP/FOL coalition to pass the draft constitution so that the new relations within the Dutch Kingdom can take effect on 10-10-10 as planned.

To be sure, the MFK/PS/MAN majority then passed an Island Council decision to put on the table during the final Round Table Conference (RTC) in The Hague a regulation to terminate the Kingdom consensus laws related to the constitutional changes and include a procedure to initiate a process for full independence. In the end it was agreed only that these subjects can come up during the first annual Kingdom Conference to evaluate the new structure.

Nevertheless, concern remained about the new Curaçao Government pushing the island in the direction of independence while that's clearly not what the people chose for in several referenda. Even though it was clearly stated that there would be a consultation with the population – in other words, yet another referendum – before any such move was made, Schotte apparently felt a need to reassure the electorate that he does not consider the island ready and even mentioned 10 to possibly 15 years.

The latter is no big surprise, considering also that he is to become the first Prime Minister of Country Curaçao, which would make little sense for someone who does not believe in that constitutional entity. Especially with the birth of a new country, the proposed government leader is expected to instil confidence rather than doubt in the future of the very state he is to head.

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Radio Netherlands

"Curaçao's autonomy premature"

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The former Dutch colony of Curaçao is ill-prepared for its new status as an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, according to its Prime Minister designate Gerrit Schotte.

He told *AD* daily that the planned move to autonomy, scheduled for 10 October 2010, is premature. "It's a chaos. We're not ready yet."

"Curaçao only exists on paper. We have nothing to celebrate in a country where children barely receive any education or even food," Mr Schotte said. His government was elected on a promise of anti-bureaucracy, anti-corruption and anti-poverty. The incoming prime minister expects he will need quite a bit of Dutch help in the near future, maybe even for "ten or fifteen years".

"There's nothing I'd rather be than an independent country, but it's simply impossible at this stage," Mr Schotte said in *AD* on Monday.

The current status of the Netherlands' six former colonies in the Caribbean is up for renewal as the 1954 statute of the realm has expired. Curaçao and St Maarten will join Aruba as countries with autonomy within the Kingdom, while Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba will get the same status as municipalities in the Netherlands' homeland.

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

The Hague chops islands' subsidies

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THE HAGUE--Dutch subsidies to Curaçao and St. Maarten will be cut next year and reduced from 73 million to zero euros in three years, it was stated in the 2011 budget (Miljoenennota) of the Dutch Government.

The annual budget "cooperation funds" will be reduced by 17 million euros in 2011, by 36.4 million euros in 2012 and will be zero in 2013, according to the budget that was presented by caretaker Minister of Finance Jan Kees de Jager on Tuesday.

Development funds like USONA and AMFO will not be subsidised by The Hague after 2012. No more money will go to the programme Education and Youth after that year. In addition, the Netherlands Antilles Safety Plan PVNA will cease as well at the end of 2012.

The annual subsidy for the Future Antillean Militia TAM will end in February 2011, while financial support for the Social Economic Initiative (SEI) will be terminated at the end of this year.

The gradual reduction of cooperation funds is the direct result of the new constitutional status of Curaçao and St. Maarten as autonomous countries within the Kingdom with effect from October 10 this year.

"In the new constitutional relations, the new countries will have an improved financial and administrative starting position due to the takeover of the debts, combined with financial supervision," stated caretaker Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations in an explanation to the budget.

"The island governments will have a healthy financial basis and will be able to operate more effectively with the double layer of the Country the Netherlands Antilles gone. This will result in better public service," stated Hirsch Ballin and Bijleveld-Schouten.

On the other hand, expenditures of the different Dutch ministries in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba are increasing because the ministries will become responsible for the service level on the three islands, which will become part of the Netherlands.

The Hague still will have to pay some 90 million euros per year to contribute to the Joint Court of Justice, the Coast Guard and the cabinets of the Governors.

Ten million per year has been reserved for technical assistance and/or supervision in Curaçao and St. Maarten. "That is because it is necessary to assist the new countries in the building up of their government apparatus and to see to it that it functions according to the set criteria for, for example, maintenance of law and order and the government administration," stated Hirsch Ballin and Bijleveld-Schouten. The 10-million-euro assistance has been reserved until 2015.

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Reform Antilles ' Restructuring '

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PHILIPSBURG - The lifting of the Netherlands Antilles has some profound implications. It means, first, an amendment to the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands (the Constitution of the Kingdom). In addition, there are new constitutions for new countries within the kingdom and must be agreed in the fields of justice and law. The details of the changes coming in this four -part article discussed. Today the first part: " Restructuring ".

"After '10 - 10-10 ' to the Netherlands Antilles as a country to exist. The residents of the five islands of the country have opted for a new future referendums. Curacao (141.000 inhabitants) and Saint Martin (41,000 inhabitants) are independent countries within the Kingdom. The ' BES - islands " - Bonaire (pop. 12,000), Sint Eustatius (2800 inhabitants) and Saba (1600 inhabitants) - as public bodies are part of the Netherlands.



Constitutions

The restructuring of the Kingdom has led to a major legislative exercise at two levels : at kingdom level and at the level of the countries. I give below a summary of what changes at both levels. I base it is placed in the legislation known me so far. First of all, the monarchy, the amendments to the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands (the Statute) and the rich law at issue. Aruba is also involved. Then follows an overview of the necessary legislation for the BES islands in the Netherlands that lightly. Finally, attention is paid to the regulations of Curacao and Sint Maarten, especially to the state regulations (constitutions) for these new countries. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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2011: year of the implementation

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THE HAGUE — The year 2011 will be the year of the implementation for the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The current outgoing Dutch government has reserved 134 million euros for this. The announced plans are not new, but based on the existing policy because there will be a new government within short.

By our correspondent Otti Thomas

The budget for Kingdom Relations is all about the new political relations after October 10th. "For the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, this means a period with new challenges. It requires much from the new countries to prepare the institutes for the new tasks and authorities. (...) An important benchmark will be that the countries succeed in protecting themselves against criminal influences and fulfill their public tasks effectively", Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten wrote in their explanation. They refer to the plans of approach for tasks both countries cannot implement independently, and the possibilities of the National Council of Ministers to intervene in these fields if necessary.

With regard to Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, the two members of government point out that Dutch Ministers and State-Secretaries will bear responsibility for their policy on the islands, with the National representative as the most important link between the local government and the Dutch government. The inquiry into the status of the government on Aruba will play an important role. "Based on the results of this inquiry, one will judge whether there is reason to take further measures and on which level that is to take place. This doesn't alter the fact that the improvement of the aliens' chain and the Corps Police Aruba must be continued with cogency. (...) This also applies for the country's alarming financial situation. The national government devotes itself to improve such." The year 2011 is further named as the year in which a long-term vision on the Kingdom is to be presented.

134 million

Of the 134 million guilders reserved by the Dutch government for 2011, 75 million is meant for

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organizations and plans that enhance the autonomy, such as the Council financial supervision (Cft), supporting the immigration policy on Aruba, and educational projects.

“The Education and Youngsters’ Cooperation Program (OJSP) on Curaçao in 2011 will be in the theme of the implementation of the so-called Sint-Joris agreement, and of the compliance with the recommendations ensuing from the mid-term evaluation that is to take place in 2010. The Sint-Joris agreement includes the agreements that the school governors will assume more responsibility for the implementation of the program” according to the explanation.

An amount of 57 million is meant for the guarantee function or the Dutch relief in the field of legal security and the enforcement of the human rights. The Coastguard, the Criminal Investigation Cooperation Team and support of the Public Prosecutor and the Court of Justice fall under such.

The amount of 134 million is significantly lower than the amount upwards 1 billion in 2010, but in that year there is a question of a substantial amount for debt reconstruction.

Moreover, the financing of policy for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba is from now on the responsibility of several ministries, who each include such on their own budget. In an interview with the World Broadcast, Bijleveld stated that despite the economies with other ministries, one did not cut back on Kingdom Relations. “We’ve kept to everything in the field of debt reconstruction, and we held all obligations. That was not easy, but we succeeded. I hope that it also holds in the Chamber, because of course one always has to wait and see.”

For that matter, some positions will disappear in the future, such as the financing of projects through the Institute Development Netherlands Antilles (Sona) and the Antillean Co-financing Organization (Amfo).

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

2011 is the year of implementation

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In 2011, Curaçao and Sint Maarten have the status of land. Bonaire, Saba and Sint Maarten are 'special' communities in the Netherlands. 2011 is the year of the further implementation of the commitments and implement the legislation. That is what the [National Budget](#) the year 2011.

With the lifting of the country Netherlands Antilles disappears one layer of administration. The government may become more effective in public service and in protecting the interests of its people. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba October 10, 2010 by public bodies, a structure akin to that of Dutch municipalities. The Dutch government has the role of central government of the Netherlands Antilles decommissioned land acquired. This means that Dutch ministers political responsibility for various areas on the islands.

Curacao and Sint Maarten

The Netherlands supports the new countries, yet the function of the new country organizations. For those parts of government institutions at transition date yet or inadequate performance, plans of action drawn up. Implementing the action plans agreed in principle a maximum duration of two years. In 2011 represents the new countries to implement the plan of action central.

Aruba

Aruba and the Netherlands have agreed a common agenda. With this agenda in the coming years to both countries - in 2011 - introducing improvements in areas such as law enforcement, legislation and social climate of the city. 2011 is expected to start examining the state of governance in Aruba completed. Based on the results of this analysis is to evaluate whether there are grounds for further action to take and at what level to do it. The fact remains that the improvement in the immigration chain and the Aruba Police Force should be continued vigorously. This is primarily the responsibility of the country Aruba. This also applies to the alarming financial situation the country. The State Government is committed to improving the situation.

Vision of the Kingdom

The change in political relations requires a new vision of the Kingdom. A vision, including a clear interpretation of the Regulations set out important security function. In 2011 a note on a long - term vision for the Lower House. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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St. Maarten Island Time

Parties in Curacao vote against constitution

Written by Andre Huie Tuesday, 21 September 2010 02:22

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CURACAO - One thing that the present coalition in the island territory of Curacao can agree to do is disagree.

Although the date 10-10-10 will be a significant one in the history of Curacao Leader of the PS party Helmen Wiels has called for a boycott of any celebration.

According to Wiels, there is simply nothing to celebrate.

The previous government had a plan that would cost the government half a million guilders to celebrate 10-10-10, especially with the arrival of Prince Willem Alexander and Princess Maxima in Curacao for this historic occasion.

Gonzalo Cuales of Z-86 radio of Willemstad reported that the parties also disagreed on the voting for the constitution as the members supporting the government voted against the constitution except the MFK party.

The other parties: PAR, PNP, Frente Obrero voted for the constitution.

He said Wiels is seemingly not focusing on the fact that majority of the electorate voted for Curacao to remain in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and to also adopt the organic laws and constitution of Country Curacao.

"It seems that the people of Curacao would have to get accustomed to this statement that the coalition agrees to disagree and hopefully this agreement for disagreement is not detrimental to Curacao," Cuales said.

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BT & P functions transferred to St. Maarten

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Philipsburg - The Minister of Telecommunications and Patrick Illidge deputy of French telecommunications Richardson have signed a protocol for the official transfer of duties and responsibilities of the Office of Telecommunications and Post (BT & P) of the central government to the Government of St. Maarten.

Illidge said that a "historic day " for St. Maarten. St. Maarten has now take full responsibility and power over their own BT & P. Peggy Ann Brandon, was also present at the signing. She was appointed as interim director for BT & P St. Maarten. Deputy Richardson indicated that he is proud that the tasks are transferred to the island and sees this as an important step towards the new status of St. Maarten. "The government of the island has worked hard to prepare for the transfer of duties and responsibilities of the Netherlands Antilles. We have chosen a pragmatic approach to the transfer of responsibilities," said Richardson. As long as we can remember the main tasks of these services in Curacao, St. Maarten and carried only a small office dependent. Now St. Maarten own country is no longer an option to rely on the office in Curacao. We must itself be able to rapid developments in the telecommunications market to keep. We do not reinvent the wheel to find, but we should certainly look for direction for the development and look at the competition in this market on St. Maarten," said Richardson. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Architects 10-10 - '10: Alexander Pechtold

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The magic date is approaching 10-10 -'10. The Netherlands Antilles are then dismantled, Curaçao and Sint Maarten will have the status of an independent country and Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are special municipalities of the Netherlands. On these constitutional innovations have puzzled many politicians. In an episode of the series Architects : Alexander Pechtold.

In the autumn of 2005, former Minister Alexander Pechtold the first agreements with the West Indies on the new political future. Much understanding of the Antilles, the new minister yet when he took office. That became painfully clear when he before his first visit to the Netherlands Antilles Kralendijk the capital of Aruba said.

Pechtold but did not put off and began resolutely to the consultation with the Antillean islands. "I had little sense in the beginning of the matter, but I have it right now to go fly. I wanted to know. I was already on the honeymoon, very stereotyped. I started to read. "

growing understanding

Though he realized that he was not going to pretend he knew everything already, saw it right away Pechtold a role for himself. " I felt I could be an important factor. Door people the chance to give the change of the shape zelf they wished to make it to help. And in the Netherlands a little understanding for the feeling in the islands. "

Eighteen years Pechtold held the post of Administrative Reform Minister of Kingdom Relations. He says in that period have been always open for the islands, although the best start for him was difficult. "I am often running up against issues. During a meeting I proposed at the kitchen table to talk further. when everyone was offended, but in the Netherlands means that someone in the privacy of your home allows. While they thought that I not serious and did not want to sit at the conference table."

More autonomy

If Pechtold look back at what happened in October 2005 was put on paper, which he differs little from what has been achieved. "It is the starting point for all thinking. Namely : those islands who want more autonomy within the Kingdom, must be country. About St. Maarten has been questioned, I have always been in favor of the problems to be solved gradually. The gave smaller islands were already at greater protection of the Kingdom would have. "

Bonaire took the lead for a municipality in the Netherlands to be, but got just the island of Bonaire that went against sputtering. " I 'm quite with clasped hands, sat when 12,000 inhabitants of the whole process back to square one could make. In a democracy you can. It took me just the feeling that we still have to convince. that we are certain people should to people who - judging from the past - from the Netherlands have been very few certainties. "

Netherlands gets there from '10 - 10-10 a piece on Caribbean territory. Whether this will turn out good shape, do not Pechtold. "This is a phase in history. This will not end plate. If you look at the relationship between the Netherlands and the Caribbean, it is a black page how that relationship was created. The era of slavery and colonies is one which has left its mark. Then came the post-colonial thought that we thought through a Statute six islands to one country can make. "

Between Step

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Now we - the separate status of First Aruba and now other countries - so the next stage, said Pechtold. " Ultimately, of course, the future of such an island in the region. It is good that with good ties Netherlands and that we can benefit from each other. But the form he has chosen, which is an intermediate step. " Pechtold during all meetings and discuss the children's home in St. Maarten in his mind had. There he had five times. " We did it for the ordinary human existence. All these official figures knitting and I had to make concrete. If the children in the home can get a better start in life, then we did before. "

Step

The foundation was laid in 2005, according Pechtold was so good that it has reached today. " Control and governing is a train. You get on, but the moment of abandon you choose yourself. In this period we have in 2005 a significant step up. I am pleased that thereafter kept in mind is where we're wanted. "

By an earlier failure, the negotiators realized that if drivers would fail if it did not succeed, thinks Pechtold. " Sometimes you need past failures. If one gets up and rips the papers in half, we start again from scratch. When everyone was feeling, that they would fail if they are not successful, would achieve. At moments that it was difficult, we could display that just whisper. "

Respect

Pechtold all respects for the directors of the small islands. " Emily de Jongh - Elhage is disarming, but no less effective. She knows exactly what she wants to get. Johnson of Saba, who was ready with his cowboy hat at the airport, and all of history and you know just let him feel that you are not fool could hold. All drivers had their qualities. I have respect for, from small communities such passionate drivers produce is not easy. "

On September 9 is the Final Round Table Conference was signed, that the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles has been finalized. Pechtold had in recent months have questioned whether there is a hitch would come, especially when the government fell in the Netherlands. It was a good feeling on September 9 when the final agreements were signed, there Pechtold. "But 10 to 10 -'10 is not the end but the beginning of very hard work. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

10-10-10 to be big celebration

FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2010 23:55

WILLEMSTAD--The current Antillean Cabinet considers the constitutional renewal process for the Caribbean parts of the Dutch Kingdom as completed. During a press conference of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage once again expressed her gratitude to all who contributed towards the realisation of this wish of the majority of inhabitants of the various islands. She specifically mentioned all government officials who during the 56 years of autonomy of the Netherlands Antilles were conducive one way or the other to Curaçao becoming an autonomous country per 10-10-10.

"We will celebrate this result during a grand event with the people," De Jongh-Elhage announced. A special coin will be given to all former public administrators of the Antilles, of which Prince Willem-Alexander and his wife Princess Máxima will receive the first sample when they visit the Antilles in three weeks' time.

Ministers Ersilia de Lannooy (Finance) and Omayra Leeflang (Education, Sports and Culture as well as Public Health and Social Development) will facilitate the realisation of the book *The Last Cabinet; Chronicle of the Constitutional Reforms* by Freek van Beetz and Jefka Alberto. This chronological account must become a reliable source for the future generation regarding relevant developments in the constitutional change process.

According to the current Antillean Government, the fear for falsification of history is not without basis. The outgoing PAR-led cabinet feels that the new the new Executive Council of Curaçao is trying to credit matters to its name which it did not accomplish.

De Jongh-Elhage let Leeflang react to the claim from the incoming MFK/PS/MAN coalition that they succeeded in arranging regular consultations in the future between the new autonomous territories. Leeflang first stated that "Curaçao is finally united because the 48 per cent who opposed the constitutional process during the last referendum signed in favour on September 7 last, together with the 52 per cent who was in favour of that process."

Subsequently, she "corrected" that what the new Executive Council considers an own success in three days does not tally for several reasons.

"First of all, they arrived in The Hague on September 6 and signed on September 7: which three days are they talking about? That's just like the people who say that Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day. One day, I will give a theological explanation on this," said Leeflang.

She presented a sheet supposedly drawn up on September 6 by the Antillean direction group regarding the final Round Table Conference (RTC). This sheet portrays the proposal for "structural political-governmental consultation" between the Kingdom territories.

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Leeflang indicated that "on September 6, the delegation of Curaçao had not arrived in The Hague yet. Therefore, the current Executive Council cannot take any credit for this proposal that was eventually included in the Final Agreement, because that proposal came from our direction group."

She subsequently worked her way to the conclusion that what the Curaçao delegation mainly had tried to do was to appease pro-independence PS-leader Helmin Wiels on the one hand and avoid losing face on the other hand. "After having opposed the Kingdom consensus laws and other agreements as part of the constitutional change process for years they signed everything without a single comma being changed."

Leeflang also stated that she will live up to the nickname "Mamarazzi" given to her in The Hague and -if necessary- by making videos available that clearly prove where the shoe pinched for the Curaçao delegation and why they now consciously try to give a false impression of things; starting with a videoconference that was summoned in great haste before the De Jongh-Elhage cabinet convened such. According to Leeflang, it is very bad if a recently installed Executive Council falsely alleges it has accomplished more "in three days" than what the local experts had realised after years of hard work regarding complex matters.

De Lannooy gave a review of the affairs still to be completed – "actually before 09-10-10." It regards, for example, the inventory between the Antilles and the new entities, arranging the pension affairs and coming to joint agreements with the Social Insurance Bank SVB and the General Pension Fund of the Netherlands Antilles APNA, or pending matters on account of the law General Insurance Exceptional Medical Expenses AVBZ, fiscal matters, the free exchange of goods as well as unlimited passenger movement between the new entities and the transfer of Central Government guarantees.

The intention is that the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten each set up a pension fund for government officials which is to be managed by APNA. Nobody will lose acquired rights in the proposed set-up, according to De Lannooy.

Regarding tax affairs, the minister stated that the Antilles closely follow the proceedings of the Dutch Second Chamber of Parliament in order to act quickly if they lower rates of, for example, the tax on profits, by which the BES islands could acquire a more attractive tax regime than Curaçao and St. Maarten.

In addition, an "executor" will be appointed for the transfer of federal guarantees and the settlement of debts or assets between the -no longer existing- Netherlands Antilles as of 10-10-10 to settle the necessary matters, just like a trustee does in certain cases such as bankruptcies.

At the beginning of October, the current cabinet will still try to steer a number of laws through the Antillean Parliament. It regards among others the Ordinances for the Bureau Unusual Transactions MOT and for Public Health.

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TheScope

Is St. Maarten Becoming Independent?

Posted by [Benji Ho](#) on Saturday, September 18, 2010 · [Leave a Comment](#)



St. Maarten Flag

No.

Although St. Maarten will be elevated to a higher political status, it is a common misunderstanding among many foreigners outside the bubble of St. Maarten [news](#) and politics to assume that gaining Country Status in St. Maarten means gaining Independence from the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In reality, this is far from the truth. To understand St. Maarten's new status after October 10, 2010 (commonly known as 10-10-10 in St. Maarten media), it's essential to understand the political terminology and [structure](#) of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The confusion stems from a difference in semantics. In American everyday speech, a "country" often implies a sovereign state that looks up to no other state in its affairs, much like the U.S., Canada, or China. A "country" is usually recognized by the U.N. and most other nations around the world as sovereign and independent. On the contrary, in Dutch political terminology, a "country" is simply the largest political division within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, much like how a "state" is the largest division within the United States or a "province" within Canada.

Currently, the [Kingdom of the Netherlands](#) is made up of three "Countries" (divisions): Holland, Netherlands Antilles, and Aruba. Constitutionally, they are all equally integral parts of the Kingdom and are all granted by the Charter to have a voice in the affairs of the Kingdom. The Netherlands Antilles further consists of the five member islands of Curacao, Sint Maarten, Sint Eustatius, Bonaire, and Saba, which in American terminology, are akin to "counties" within the "state" of the Netherlands Antilles. After 10-10-10, however, all of this will change. Curacao and Sint Maarten will both be elevated into "Countries" within the Dutch Kingdom, much like how its predecessor, the Netherlands Antilles, was a "Country" within the Dutch Kingdom. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba will become municipalities within Holland (the European part of the Netherlands). In American vernacular terminology, both St. Maarten and Curacao will be promoted from being "counties" (like Orange County or Dade County) into being "states" (like California or Florida).

On 10-10-10, the Kingdom of the Netherlands will no longer consist of three, but four constituent Countries: Holland, Aruba, Curacao, and Sint Maarten, all equal and all integral components of the Dutch Kingdom. So instead of losing all voice in Dutch politics, as would happen with Independence, St. Maarten will instead be **gaining** a stronger voice in Dutch politics with its promotion within the Kingdom. At the same time, it will have more say over its own domestic politics, instead of answering to the Netherlands Antilles as it did before. Instead of being represented by the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles in Dutch politics, St. Maarten will also get its own Governor. The Kingdom Council of Ministers of the Netherlands has appointed Eugene Holiday to be the first Governor of St. Maarten.

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St. Maarten will remain Dutch, and the people will still be referred to as Dutch. They will still carry passports of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, just like those from Aruba, Curacao, or Holland. St. Maarten will still follow the Constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as well as the Charter of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It will not have a seat in the U.N., much like how the American states or Wales and Scotland (also called "Countries" within the U.K.) do not have representation in the U.N.

Indonesia and Suriname, former "Countries" within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, have gone the direction of full-fledged Independence. Will it be possible that St. Maarten becomes a truly independent, sovereign nation in the future? Who knows. But as of June 2000 [referendum](#), the people of Sint Maarten overwhelmingly voted to remain part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as a constituent country (nearly 70%). Only 14% voted for true full-fledged Independence, like that of Indonesia and Suriname. I've talked to several locals here (3, to be exact) about the issue. They all seem to agree that St. Maarten is not ready for full-fledged independence. As one of the persons stated, they just do not like how all the money from the Kingdom gets spent in Curacao first before the little that is left gets trickled down to St. Maarten. By having a direct representation within the Dutch Kingdom, they will have more aid and more say in Dutch politics. Independence or not, decisions like these will take many years or decades of planning, especially for a territory and economy as small and limited as Sint Maarten, with 40,000 people living in an area of 13 square miles with practically no natural resources. It would become the third smallest country in the world after Vatican City and Monaco if it were to decide to go towards Independence in the future. But for now, the people of St. Maarten are looking forward to their new status, and I am too.

"The status of country within the Dutch Kingdom is not independence, but it can be seen as a "steppingstone" to that..." — [The Daily Herald](#), quoting National Alliance leader Commissioner William Marlin of St. Maarten, February 2010

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Gerrit Schotte formateur first government land Curacao

September 17, 2010, 13:36 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - MFK leader Gerrit Schotte by Governor Frits Goedgedrag appointed formateur of what the first government of the new country should be Curacao. Schotte will on October 7 to report to the governor of his work. The new government of Curacao on October 10 will have to take office.

Goedgedrag Schotte has requested based on the MoU, the parties MFK, PS MAN and agreement with each other and that is the basis for the current Executive Council of Curaçao, Curaçao for the new country to form a cabinet. This cabinet will be a majority in the State of Curaçao should enjoy. The parties must be willing and able to commit to a coalition with measures aimed at developing the new country Curacao and its people, and this government will be composed of people who are willing to perform this coalition. Schotte did the governor noted that in his formation commission must take into account the requirements specified in the Land Decree of February 10, 2010, on the incompatibility of interests and functions to Ministers and State Secretaries, the regime also continues to apply in the new land Curacao, and requested him to ensure that these rules are observed.

The appointment of Schotte following talks, he 14 and September 16 the Governor has made. It discussed the process to a new cabinet for the country to come by Curacao 10-10- '10. By this date, the Island of the Island Territory of Curaçao, the States of the new Country Curaçao be. The formation of a new government takes place under normal circumstances under the leadership of a formateur or informateur, who is appointed by the governor. Currently there is an exceptional situation, as the country Curaçao not yet exist and a governor of Curaçao evenmin, al is wel decided that good behavior the new proposed governor of the country Curaçao will be, while the desired members of the States of the island known. But at this point is that institutions of the Netherlands Antilles to miss the power in the formation of a government of Curaçao to work. The current situation demands that we be creative and flexible, says a press release from the office of the governor.

Schotte and the governor agree that now become possible to be acting in accordance with the procedure, followed by a regular cabinet formation. At the start of the independent country of Aruba is the time the future Governor of the Province of Aruba also acted as when the first government of the island had to be formed. Schotte tradition according to the proposal of the governor taken under consideration.
(Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

Bureau Telecom, Post given to St. Maarten

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 23:48



PHILIPSBURG--Minister of Tele communications Patrick Illidge and Commissioner of Tele communications Frans Richardson signed the protocol to officially transfer the tasks and responsibilities of the Bureau of Telecommunications and Post (BT&P) to St. Maarten from the Central Government on Wednesday.

Calling the moment "an historic day" for St. Maarten, Minister Illidge said St. Maarten now had full authority and the "power to govern" its own BT&P. Joining Illidge and Richardson at the signing was attorney Peggy Ann-Brandon, who has been appointed by the Executive Council as Interim Director of St. Maarten's BT&P.

Commissioner Richardson expressed pride in witnessing tasks being transferred to St. Maarten as the island headed towards country status. "The island government has been working diligently to complete the preparations for the transfer of tasks of the Netherlands Antilles to St. Maarten and we have opted for a pragmatic approach to the transfer of these tasks," he said.

"As long as we can remember, this service [BT&P-Ed.] has been headquartered in Curaçao with a small dependent office in St. Maarten. This is the bureau that has to deal with the radio and TV broadcasters when it comes to matters such as concessions, telecom requirements, licence fees, telecommunications laws, telecom providers, and radio and TV broadcast finalists. It also makes sure the infrastructure available complies with standards, as well as advises on government, telecom and postal issues," he said.

He said now that St. Maarten was becoming a country, falling behind was not an option. "We need to be in a position to keep pace with fast-changing telecommunications developments. We do not need to re-invent the wheel, but we need to have some sense of direction to develop telecommunications and enable free competition.

"The same could be said of the postal market. It is up to us to safeguard the interests of Country St. Maarten. I am most grateful to all those who have been working diligently to get us to where we are today," he said.

The Commissioner also noted that, even though everyone was "in the heat of an election," government continued to work on behalf of the people of St. Maarten.

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AVSNewsOnline.com

PARTIES WORK ON POLITICAL AGREEMENT

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao (September 14, 2010) — The parties MFK, PS and MAN are working on a political agreement that is to form the basis of a coalition agreement for the new country Curaçao per October 10th. According to MAN-party chairperson Eugene Cleopa, various committees are working towards realizing an agreement.

The Board of Governors (consisting of MFK, PS and MAN) per September 4th last, is considered by parties as a transitional government en route to the new country Curaçao. The three parties indicated this upon signing the Agreement of Alameda during the early morning of September 4th. The current Board of Governors (BC), which will only stay on for several weeks, was given the task to direct the preparations that are to lead to the new country Curaçao. The process will be continued now that an agreement was reached in the Netherlands on the political process during the Final Round Table Conference last week in The Hague.

According to Cleopa, members of the three parties are currently realizing a political agreement through progress committees. This is done by means of various committees who assemble per sector. In this, the three party programs from the coalition parties serve as guiding principle. According to Cleopa, once this political agreement is realized, it will serve as basis for a coalition agreement for the first government of the new country Curaçao.

Per October 10th, the Island-Council of the island-territory Curaçao must become the first States of the country Curaçao. The island will also have a government that is to replace the current Board of Governors. The current division within the BC is thus that MFK, as largest party with five seats, has three deputies. PS – with four seats – has two deputies, while MAN with two council seats, only has one deputy. The new country Curaçao will have nine ministries. On being asked, Cleopa admits that in this case it would be logic if each party were given one more minister, so that MFK has four, the PS 3 and the MAN 2 ministers in the first Council of Ministers of the country Curaçao.

Faced with the question when a political agreement and coalition agreement is due, Cleopa answers that this is expected obviously before the commencement of the new status for the country Curaçao.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Premier opens last week Antillean States

Published : September 14, 2010 - 2:56 pm | by [Editorial Caribiana](#) ([Photo : RVD Antilles](#))

Prime Minister Emily de Jongh- Elhage, the new meeting year of the States of the Netherlands Antilles opened. It is a short final period of the parliament since the country on October 10 is lifted.

Normally the session year round by the governor, but because it is the last week of the States goes, was the opening restrained. The opening address was so pronounced by the Prime Minister. The official sixtieth session year of the States marks a milestone in history, according to De Jongh - Elhage : "The desire of our people will finally be fulfilled. "

On 10 October, the Netherlands Antilles will cease to exist and will two new countries create : Curacao and Sint Maarten. The other Antillean islands, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba will become part of the Dutch constitution.



[States President Pedro Atacho](#)

The government can few weeks do little more. The plans summed up the Prime Minister in a few words : " The completion of the transfer of responsibilities to the new lands and the settlement of pending cases. "

Poverty reduction

De Jongh - Elhage looked further back on her last term. The two -pronged approach in addition to the constitutional reform to work on urgent social issues, she continued : "Much has happened in the area of poverty reduction. "

Employment despite the global crisis, increased, according to the Prime Minister : That's something where we can be proud of ! "Next she called neighborhood improvement on all five islands and the removal of the Antilles from the blacklist of tax havens as major successes.

The States commemorated the two top officials of the Department Aviation, who the earthquake in Haiti have died. " Without good, loyal and skilled staff is a government anything capable of, " said the premier. Therefore much attention to the position of officials after the dismantling of the Antilles.

Future

" On October 10 we split up. Farewell hurts and we will each other miss. Our five stars go out. " But there appear five new stars with a healthy start, looked the prime minister finally ahead : "The future is ours ! " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

New Executive Council happy with result RTC

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 01:10

WILLEMSTAD--Curaçao's MFK/PS/MAN Executive Council is pleased with the results achieved at the final Round Table Conference (RTC) in The Hague last week.

"In three-and-a-half days we achieved what the parties PAR, PNP and FOL could not achieve in three-and-a-half years," MFK leader Gerrit Schotte said during a press conference from the Netherlands.

According to the new coalition, the biggest success was that crucial parts of the incoming Island Council's resolution -for its delegation in the Netherlands to bring up several new points- were not only included in the decision list of the Political Steering Group (PSG), but also mentioned in the final declaration of the RTC.

According to Schotte, this means that during the first Kingdom Conference the Prime Minister of Curaçao could put a term of notice for the Kingdom consensus laws and the start-up of a procedure for independence of the island on the agenda.

For that matter, point 20 in the conclusions of the final RTC only states that "after the commencement of the new constitutional relations, a Kingdom Conference will be held at least once a year, as agreed in the Political Steering Group of September 7, 2010."

In articles 52 up to and including 54 of the decision list of that PSG it was included that the latter has taken note of the relevant Island Council decision of September 4 and "acknowledges the right of the countries to present agenda items in the Kingdom Conference."

During the Executive Council's press conference, all speakers indicated to view the aforementioned as a success, including pro-independence PS leader Helmin Wiels. "First it was not there, now it is; that's what I call a success.

"The door was kept closed systematically for four years and they never succeeded in getting the term of notice on the agenda. This item will be discussed during the first Kingdom Conference." According to Schotte, the former Executive Council was never able to implement changes in the process due to the lack of political will. "We did not realise agreements only with the Netherlands, but with all Kingdom partners. We have started a process with a view towards the future. We reached an agreement on how we will discuss these subjects later on."

Constitutional Affairs Commissioner and delegation leader Sheldry Osepa (MFK) emphasised that the new government kept its promise that it would not let anything stand in the way of making the birth of the new countries in the Kingdom possible. He also criticised resistance to the pursuit of the Curaçao delegation to bring the items mentioned in the council decision up for discussion.

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The Antillean PAR-led Government was of the opinion that the latter regarded a political decision and not a process supported by the people.

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao - Interview With Curacao Political Leader Gerrit Schotte

The future Prime Minister of Curacao, Gerrit Schotte said one of his primary goals is to combat bureaucracy. He wants to promote solar and wind energy to reduce the cost of living which benefits the entire society. "The source is nature, which is free," Schotte said. He wants to develop Curacao into an Island of opportunities. "Our education is not in sync with labor market needs; we recently hired 140 Filipinos to work in the hospitality sector," according to Schotte. We will promote regional study opportunities for our youth and we are going to build new houses to attract our citizens who currently live in the Netherlands. Also, Schotte wants to implement a new policy to reform the Bon Futuro prison into an institution where prisoners can learn a profession which should improve their return to society. (Embassy the Hague)

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9/12/10

SXM Island Time (St. Maarten)

Curacao joyful about Holland meeting

Written by Andre Huie Sunday, 12 September 2010 20:29



PHILIPSBURG - Curacao considers it a victory that it has the right to self determination included in the final documents signed at the Round Table Conference last Thursday.

The political parties in opposition in Curacao want the islands to exercise its right to self determination. The parties wished for that sentiment to be expressed in the documents signed in Holland. As that has been included in the document, the political parties consider this a victory for Curacao, despite the Netherlands Antillean government against this move.

The delegation returned to the island on Saturday afternoon to a celebrative atmosphere at the Hato Airport. There was a short invocation by a priest and a statement by political leader Gerrit Schotte. He accused the opposition PAR, which is in charge of the Central Government for not supporting the initiative to get the special clause into the documents. He thanked his team for going forward with the idea to include this clause.

Reporters from Curacao are now saying that the people on the island are awaiting to see what happens come Monday when all the political negotiators for Curacao arrive on the island.

The opposition parties, particularly the MAN has called for the political parties to work together in the interest of the people as there are issues in Curacao that must be addressed urgently.

There are concerns about the safety of the island in light of the weather system that is approaching from the Eastern Caribbean. Several areas of the island are polluted with waste and junk which is not properly disposed, which could subject the island to flooding.

There are some residents that have constructed big walls around their property that could cause flooding in some neighborhoods.

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SXM Island Time (St. Maarten)

Curacao concerned about independence moves

Written by Staff Reporter Monday, 13 September 2010 17:19

www.sxmislantime.com



PHILIPSBURG - The Curacao delegation to the September 9th Round Table Conference in The Hague returned quietly unlike the manner in which the St. Maarten delegation was received upon their return over the past weekend.

Gonzalo Cuales of Z86 radio in Curacao stated that there is increasing concern about the push for independence by the smaller parties that make up the new island government of Curacao.

He noted that the independence idea is not popular among the electorate of Curacao and as such he believes that they should be given the opportunity to state their desires, possibly through a referendum.

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Prensa Latina

Dissolution Document of Netherlands Antilles Passed



Willemstad, Sept 11 (Prensa Latina) The Netherlands Antilles parliament approved its dissolution to take effect on October 10; after this date Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius will become special municipalities of the Netherlands.

Thus, they will have to apply most Dutch law, while Curaçao and St. Maarten will become constituent states within the Kingdom of the Netherlands along the lines of Aruba, which broke away from the Netherlands Antilles in 1986.

With the new changes, Curacao and St. Maarten will have their own parliament, government, constitution and entities, even though The Hague will be in charge of the greatest part of their debts.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands will advise them for the next two years in matters of national defense, foreign affairs, citizenship and emigration.

The dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles was scheduled for 2008, but was postponed due to the lack of consensus between those territories.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

'UN referendums new rules are needed '

Published : September 11, 2010 - 24:59 pm | by [Editors Caribiana](#) (photo : [René Red Hill](#))

The people of St. Eustatius should still be heard in a referendum about the new status of their island. And on Bonaire, Saba and the people would actually need to be consulted. That says Fred Soons, Professor of Public International Law.

The Statianen - alone - have called for preservation of the Antilles, an option no longer at issue. Self-determination of individual islands has been recognized years ago. Soons stressed that according to the rules of the United Nations decolonization people to decide about their future. And that is certainly not St. Eustatius really happened.

Bonaire and Saba are indeed the outcome of the referendum in 2005, but did about the details of direct links with the Netherlands the population is not spoken. "They have to explicitly say whether she has now reached what is actually like." Soons suggests in particular the consequences of integration in the Netherlands in areas such as euthanasia and gay marriage. He is disappointed that those feelings on the islands by the Kingdom Government have been ignored.

Referendums in evaluation

Again the removal of the Antilles was endorsed by the RTC on September 9 remains a referendum necessary, Soons said : "I know that continues 10/10/2010. I would have argued that in order to postpone the referendum to keep." But it may still, he says : "You should do it now when the evaluation will take place over five years." Because then the only permanent structure is known, Soons said. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

'The moment we looked forward to, for a long time'

10 Sep, 2010, 08:56 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — “This is the moment we have been looking forward to. From 2005, after the referendums on all islands, we started a long and intensive course, which succeeded in a solemn meeting,” says Minister-President of the Netherlands Antilles Emily de Jongh-Elhage yesterday afternoon in a speech after the Final Round Table Conference.



Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage signed the conclusion of the Final RTC.

The conference confirmed that Curaçao and St. Maarten comply with the conditions, and the process for the realization of the new statuses for Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten and Saba as agreed in the First Round Table Conference, has been concluded. The National Law to amend the Charter in connection with the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles, can become effective per 10-10-'10. Therefore, in one month, Curaçao and St. Maarten will be an autonomous country. The Royal Decree for the enforcement of this National Law will be presented to the Queen for signing.

Through the Final RTC, it was also confirmed that per commencement of the new political relations, a Kingdom-conference would be organized at least once a year, as agreed during the meeting of the Political Steering Committee Political Changes of last Tuesday.

No experience

In the Ridderzaal, where the Charter was signed in 1954 as well, De Jongh-Elhage referred to the uniqueness of the process. “In the First Round Table Conference of November 26th 2005 on Curaçao, also under your direction,” she said to the Dutch Minister-President Jan Peter Balkenende “we agreed how we would implement the huge – and actually at that time for everyone a still uncertain – project of political changes. For that matter, we could not fall back on an ample wealth of experience. There are barely any or no examples of a successful dismantlement of a country. We had to explore and chart that route together. Therefore, the dismantlement of the country of the Netherlands Antilles is also a very exceptional, incomparable process.”

This is just the beginning, although the political process has reached the final station. “As of October 10th, we are faced with the task to – from this thorough foundation – start a perspective full future for the people on our islands. This is the task, that lies ahead of us and this is what the people – justifiably – expect from us. There were many meetings with good results. Now we have to make those results visible and tangible for our citizens”, says De Jongh-Elhage.

New cooperation

“The Netherlands Antilles are going to be dismantled now. I am convinced there will be new forms of cooperation in the future, but then especially from a mutually felt need and because people, in anyway, are bond with one another. In that, we give actual import to the spirit of the Charter: a good cooperation based on equality. A cooperation of equal partners, who from conviction also have the will to stand by

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each other wherever necessary, and in that import once again give import to the words spoken by Queen Wilhelmina, 'Steunend op eigen kracht, doch met de wil elkander bij te staan', (relying on one's own strength, but with the will to stand by one another), as chiseled in the monument at the Emancipatieboulevard on Curaçao. In other words 'departing from what binds us and not emphasizing on what divides us'."

The Premier concludes, "Our Kingdom knows many languages. There is diversity! One expression is the same in all those languages: 'united we stand', 'eendracht maakt macht' and 'union ta hasi forsa'. This is my motto for the future."

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Amigoe.com (English)

BC pleased with result of Final RTC

10 Sep, 2010, 08:52 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The new Board of Governors of the parties MFK, PS and MAN is pleased with the achieved result of the Final Round Table Conference in The Hague yesterday. “In three and a half days, we achieved what the parties PAR, PNP and FOL could not achieve in three and a half years”, MFK leader Gerrit Schotte said yesterday during a press conference from the Netherlands.



According to the new Board of Governors, the largest success of the Final Round Table Conference was that crucial parts of the council decision of the Island-Council from last Saturday were not only included in the decision list of the Political Steering Committee, but that they are also mentioned in the final declaration of the Final Round Table Conference. According to Schotte, this means that during the next Kingdom-conference, the Premier of Curaçao could put the term of notice of the consensus National Laws and the starting up of the procedure for the independence of the island on the agenda.

Deputy Sheldry Osepa (Political Structure, MFK) addressed local journalists via a videoconference connection from the Netherlands. During his speech, Osepa states he was pleased with the achieved result.

For that matter, point 20 in the conclusions of the Final RTC, only states, “The conference concludes that after the commencement of the new political relations, a Kingdom-conference will be held at least once a year, as agreed in the Political Steering Committee Political Changes of September 7th 2010”.

In the articles 52 up to and including 54 of the decision list from that Political Steering Committee, it was included that the latter has taken note of the relevant Island-Council decision of September 4th, and that they ‘acknowledge the right from the countries to present agenda items in the Kingdom-conference’.

During yesterday’s press conference, all speakers indicated to view such as a success – including PS-leader Helmin Wiels. “First it was not there – now it is, that’s what I call a success. The door was closed. The door was kept closed systematically for four years, but we never succeeded in getting the term of notice on the agenda. This item will be discussed during the first Kingdom-conference.”

According to MFK council member Schotte, the former Board of Governors (BC) never succeeded in implementing changes in the process due to the lack of political will. “We did not realize agreements with the Netherlands, but with all Kingdom partners. We have started a process with a view towards the future. We reached an agreement on how we will discuss these subjects later on.

MFK deputy Sheldry Osepa (Political Structure) emphasized that the current BC kept its promise that it would not let anything stand in the way of making the birth of the new countries in the Kingdom possible. He also criticized the resistance of the island, who had resisted the pursuit of the Curaçao delegation to bring the items, mentioned in the council decision, up for discussion. The island was namely of the opinion that it regarded a political decision, and not a process supported by the people.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Delegations at home with the queen

September 10, 2010, 13:31 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE - The leaders and members of delegations who participated in the Final Round Table Conference (RTC), were this morning hosted by Queen Beatrix at Huis ten Bosch, the residential palace of the queen.

The reception took place in the Orange Hall and after they posed together for a picture in the hall, the entrance of the palace. ' It's always impressive to meet the queen, "said Julian Woodley, Deputy of St. Eustatius afterwards. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)



9/10/10

Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

End of the Netherlands Antilles

Published : September 10, 2010 - 9:23 am | by [Editors Caribiana \(RNW\)](#)

The Netherlands Antilles have gone by October 10, 2010. Therefore, all partners on Thursday, September 9 Kingdom in the Knights signed.

Representatives of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, the BES islands Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius, Aruba and the Netherlands and arrived at the final Round Table Conference agreed that the lifting of the Country the Netherlands Antilles can take place. This is the process of restructuring the country in order.

At the meeting were representatives from all six islands and the Netherlands the chance to display the current status of the last to speak. Afterwards, the final declaration signed.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

" Independence is not without a referendum "

September 10, 2010, 12:31 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - According to constitutional lawyers Douwe Boersema must first have the people for an independent state have spoken before here of work by the local government can be made. Boersema, last year President of the referendum committee, stressed the island can be independently without the people would do this, first expressed.

In recent days there is a raging debate over the desire of the new Executive Council MFK, and PS MAN arrangements with the Netherlands about the inclusion of the possibility of launching a process to independently come to Curacao. Boersema suggests this is not entirely understood. "Why should this matter be approached Netherlands ? I think that Curacao is man enough to own the process to determine how they want to be independent. Therefore, it is not necessary Netherlands. It's like your boss is approaching the question of when to take your resignation. That you decide. "

Boersema can imagine that the government will go after what steps might be taken in order to get independence. He cites as an example that the views of neighboring Venezuela may be asked whether there is a lobby in the United Nations Security Council could be held. But, he emphasizes, the process can not start without the people had given first expressed. He must, on request : " The people will have to say about it first. there is no independence without a referendum. What we are seeing is the result of the referendum of 2005, when the people are in majority in the autonomous status uttered. "

Mandate of people

The mandate for the completion of the political will of the island, according to the constitutional lawyer in the nation. But the problem is that the island has no law that regulates referendums. He submits that the initiative lies with the people.

But this is only theory, because the island has no law making it possible for civilians by an X number of signatures to collect a referendum can enforce this. In practice it means that the Island then determines when a referendum is held. This happens on a proposal erected referendum committee. Boersema however, argues that the Island when doing so is to act in response to signals from the community.

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Radio netherlands (Dutch)

Joy and sadness at the end Antilles

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The final Round Table Conference ends with the words of President and caretaker Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende : "With this signature we open a new chapter in the history of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. I wish that we all, and especially future generations, to reap the benefits of the work that lies behind us and the results we have achieved.

Resigning Secretary Ank Bijleveld of Kingdom Relations are met : "This is the best road we have gone. " Bijleveld during the restructuring process ever doubted the finish achieved would be : After the election, I doubted whether I myself still to be there. During the process, I sometimes thought, " would be fine ? " when we were there pulling Curacao and Bonaire of the dip. "

Welfare population

"Great that it worked !", so does the Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage. "It's not easy, but we respected each other and have only had the same goal for the people, the citizens. And we have achieved this goal. "She hopes that the new drivers Curaçao " in the interest of the welfare of the people" will think.

The former deputy Zita Jesus - Leito Curaçao find it odd that somewhere it is not the person who has just signed the final declaration, but she says : "We have to accept. This is a beautiful moment and I am proud that I 've made a contribution to its creation."

Emancipatieproces

"I see this as a starting point to further emancipate a nation, "said the recently appointed commissioner Sheldry Osepa Curaçao. He called the signing on September 9 a " historic moment ". Osepa is also pleased that the final declaration refers to annual Kingdom Conference, which at the insistence of the new Curaçao coalition has come : "Because we do as a starter and not as an end. "During the Kingdom Conference will be looked into the needs and development of the islands.

Nostalgic

Nostalgic feelings prevail in the political leader William Marlin Maartense St. His delegation at the closing of the RTC delegates from all the partners bound copy of the Constitution of Sint Maarten to deliver. " Without a Constitution you is not country. It is the conclusion of a process. " Marlin looks forward to the most actual decommissioning date 10-10 - '10: "This is our most important day. Not because we split up, but because St. Maarten or control over its own affairs. "

Architect

The Bonairean Ramonsito Booi look at these days with a feeling of wellbeing " : " The work we have done from 2004 is now finished. " Booi is somewhere a pity that he, as a member of the current opposition party UPB, not able to draw for what he has put in motion when his party to say. But, he says : "It does not matter who signs. Everyone knows that the architect's plans Ramonsito Booi and that history will remain so. That nobody can change. "

Future

' We expect the new status in a better position for our people ", said deputy Julian Woodley St. Eustatius,

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the island that actually preferred the persistence of the country Netherlands Antilles. " When we noticed that everyone in the country wanted to leave, we have chosen the best position that was there. "he is pleased that the decommissioning is now imminent, as Statia can start working on the future : " Now we prove that We have fought for a better future for St. Eustatius means. "

Relief

Also deputy Chris Johnson of Saba is the time to move on : " We do not want more every day about a transition period to speak. " He thinks the Saban people on October 11 relief will be: " If people realize that everything is not suddenly otherwise. They still have the same neighbors, they drive the same streets and not change everything at once. Then they found out that 'it wasn't THAT BIG of a deal. "

Common Future

The Aruban Prime Minister Mike Eman likes that he can contribute to the new status of the islands, as they Guna Aruba in 1986. He is not worried that the islands in the coming period will be mainly self-centered : "There are two things became clear : all the islands now have the political position that they wanted more so we can focus on what we can do together. The second point is that the Netherlands has now clearly decided to continue with the islands. Everyone decided to stay together. Now we can based on our common ground will determine the future. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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St. Maarten Island Time

[RTC concluded, next deadline is 10-10-10](#)



Written by Staff Reporter Thursday, 09 September 2010 19:00



PHILIPSBURG, Holland - Leader of government and leader of the St. Maarten delegation to The Hague William Marlin is now looking forward to the reality of 10-10-10, when St. Maarten becomes a Country within the Dutch Kingdom.

Speaking after the Round Table Conference (RTC) on Thursday commissioner Marlin looked back at the difficulties associated with the process, particularly when the process was jump started with the appointment of Minister Richard Gibson as the constitutional affairs Minister.

A year and three months ago when the National Alliance returned to office he stated that the process was rejuvenated once again pointing to the work that the party had to do complete what was needed to be done to make 10-10-10 a reality for St. Maarten.

The constitutional affairs commissioner then thanked all of the persons who worked on the constitutional train including the leader of the Democratic Party (DP) Sarah Wescot-Williams.

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Wiels : 'Return scheme ethnic cleansing'

09/09/2010 4:02 p.m. | | Esther Schalkwijk



Curacao - Helminen Wiels is not to discuss the repatriation Antilleans with a motion adopted. "It is apartheid in the Koninkrijk. Ethnic cleansing : same as the Nazis but without concentration camps."

When asked whether that no harsh words were said the leader of Pueblo Soberano "The most common words I can find. The Act takes Antilleans the first, second and third generations. Even people who are born in the Netherlands, Antilles parents. They are just Dutch, do not speak Papiamentu, and just have the same passport. "

Return Order

The motion on an entry and repatriation of the Act of the Antillean and Aruban People 's Movement during the second House debate on Wednesday adopted. The return scheme allows criminal Antilleans to send to the Antilles. These are Antilleans those convicted of serious violent crimes.

Round Table Conference,

Wiels, fierce opponent of the current Constitution, was not with the signing of the Final Declaration. However, his trip to the Netherlands not in vain. The coalition has a different annual Kingdom Conference agreed. "I have not been to the Conference. I am not satisfied with the Constitution, but the opposition that we have had from the Dutch government we can live with that. We are now beginning the real work, we will form committees and prepare for the next Congress." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (English)

Holland's last act of de-colonisation - farewell to the Netherlands Antilles

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Does it mark the final act of de-colonisation, or is it the beginning of re-colonisation? The formal decision to break up the Netherlands Antilles, five former Dutch island colonies in the Caribbean, will almost certainly be taken today.

In the Caribbean, no tears are being shed over having to say goodbye to the Netherlands Antilles. The islands are reasonably close neighbours, but have never really been one unit, argues Gert Oostindie, director of Leiden's Royal Institute for Linguistics, Geography and Ethnology.

"Family ties mean the links between the islands strong. But the only links they have as countries come from sharing the same colonial power. The islands felt unity was more a problem than a help."

The two largest islands, Curaçao (population 144,000) and Sint Maarten (39,000), are set to become more or less independent. The Netherlands will take over the lion's share of their debts and will keep an eye on the finances to prevent debt build-up in the future.

"They will remain part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, but independent of the other islands in the Antilles. Curaçao and Sint Maarten wanted this status so they could take responsibility for their own development and wouldn't have to worry about the other little islands," explains Professor Oostindie.

The island of Aruba gained similar autonomy in 1986 and has booked strong economic growth since. Despite this, however, the issue has been a hot political topic for some time, especially in Curaçao, with many pushing for full independence from the Netherlands.

Price of autonomy

Those who would have preferred full independence to autonomy warn that the Netherlands will remain heavily involved in the two islands' finances. They fear The Hague will be the source of unwanted interference.

Professor Oostindie dismisses such worries. He points out that the Netherlands has always had the power to intervene and that, in this respect, nothing has changed.

"What has changed is that the areas which the Dutch central government can deal with have now been better defined. These areas include monitoring state finances, but also the maintenance of law and order. Everything considered, most accept it's better to work on this together."

The smaller islands of Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire, with a total population of 20,000, will experience more palpable changes. As 'special municipalities', they will come under direct Dutch rule. Professor Oostindie says they always felt they were the little brothers in the Antilles family and that they got a raw deal from big brother Curaçao. He reckons living standards, law and order and the political systems on the three islands are all set to improve with their new status.

Same-sex marriage

However, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Bonaire are socially conservative and Christian and are going to have

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to submit to aspects of Dutch legislation they find unpalatable. These include abortion, same-sex marriage and euthanasia.

Professor Oostindie thinks there's no way round this: "The first gay wedding on one of the islands within a year or two is a distinct possibility".

Short history of the Dutch Antilles and Aruba

The Netherlands colonised six islands in the Caribbean in the 17th century: Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten (east of Puerto Rico) in the Leeward Islands and Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao (off the coast of Venezuela) in the Windward Islands. They were centres of the slave trade. Nowadays, they are mostly known for their blossoming tourist industry.

In the 1950s, the first serious step was made towards independence: they received political autonomy. In 1986, Aruba became an autonomous part of the Netherlands. The other five islands became the Netherlands Antilles, part of the Dutch state, also with a degree of autonomy. It has taken decades to reach agreement on the latest changes to the islands' status.

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US Consulate Weekly News

Kingdom – All Kingdom Partners Agree: Green Light 10-10-10

The final Round Table Conference (RTC) concerning the Netherlands Antilles dissolution was held 9/9 in The Hague. The Netherlands and the Netherlands Antilles signed a final statement with which the political reorganization of the Antilles is concluded. The agreements will take effect on Oct 10, 2010. Curacao and St. Maarten will then gain a semi-autonomous status within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, similar to that of Aruba, while Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will become extraordinary Dutch municipalities. Dutch Queen Beatrix will sign the Kingdom Decree to amend the Charter.

The Kingdom partners decided to organize an annual Kingdom conference, upon request of the current Curacao Island coalition. The Dutch government agreed put the concerns of the Curacao MFK-led government on the agenda at the next Kingdom conference.

The main points of concern are:

- The Netherlands must accept Curacao's right of self determination
- Curacao demands that the Kingdom consensus laws have a termination date, because in their opinion the Dutch government has too much influence over internal matters; the laws encompass some judicial matters (i.e. the Supreme Court), and "Kingdom matters" described in charter Article 43(2) of the Kingdom Charter including human rights, rule of law, and good governance.

"The finale of the last round table conference marks a special moment in the Kingdom of the Netherlands political history," stated Dutch Prime Minister Balkenende, who chaired the RTC. "The process that we have worked on for five years has now come to a conclusion, a process that results in the most drastic revision of the 1954 Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands." He referred to a comprehensive package of legal, administrative and financial arrangements to enable the Kingdom to face the future, "a package that will enable all administrations within the Kingdom to achieve the best for their citizens."

Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage expressed the wish that the Kingdom partners continue their cooperation after the Netherlands Antilles dismantles. "We should continue to cooperate based on what binds us, not what divides us. We have come a long way," she said.

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman welcomed the new entities Curaçao and St. Maarten into the Kingdom. "I am sure that we will continue to work together. Our friendship with all islands will remain forever. I foresee great new possibilities for this Kingdom," he said.

The future Prime Minister of Curacao, Gerrit Schotte, was elated. He noted that at the request of his coalition, the parties agreed to an annual Kingdom conference to discuss open issues. (Various media)

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Versgeperst.com (Dutch)

'Mission Accomplished'



AMSTERDAM - After more than five years of negotiations was now final: Curacao is a country. In The Hague during the Final Round Table Conference for the completion of the constitutional reform within the Kingdom of the Netherlands final.

By signing the agreement by the Conference President Jan -Peter Balkenende and representatives of the Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, St. Maarten, Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba in the Netherlands Antilles the country is lifted by October 10, 2010. adopted on motion of VVD Bosman admission and repatriation Antillean and Aruban is not lost during the Conference. The good feeling was predominant.

Pride

As a representative of the Delegation of the Netherlands Antilles had Emily de Jong- Elhage know especially proud of this result. "Many people thought we would not get 10/10/2010, but we did anyway. We're going in a good way apart. "She finds it unfortunate that they do not own the new country Curacao structure may result. "But that is separate from today, I have my mission accomplished. "

Conference

Final Round Table Conference by the representative of the leading countries and special municipalities used to each other to congratulate the result of five years of negotiations. known as Curacao and Sint Maarten countries within the Kingdom, while Saba, Sint Eustatius, Bonaire and transformed into separate municipalities. Curacao commissioner argued on behalf of state structures Sheldry Osepa the word. He thanked Secretary Ank Bijleveld strongly for her contribution in the process. PS leader Hermin Wiels was (as he had previously been announced) is not present at the Conference. His colleagues Gerrit Schotte (MFK) and Charles Cooper (MAN) were included in The Hague.

Future

All delegations looked with happy faces to the future. Chairman of the Conference, caretaker Prime Minister Balkenende stressed only one time this is not the end of cooperation between the islands. "We have a good foundation for a bright future. In his time there were considerable discussions, but these are always conducted with respect and that is necessary for a good cooperation in the present. " De Jong - Elhage joined them:" We are not completely separated, but you must Seeing as the text on the monument in the Fokkerweg, we do this drawing upon its own strength. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

End sealed country Netherlands Antilles

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The Netherlands Antilles have gone by October 10, 2010. Therefore, all partners on Thursday, September 9 Kingdom in the Knights signed.

Representatives of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, the BES islands Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius, Aruba and the Netherlands and arrived at the final Round Table Conference agreed that the lifting of the Country the Netherlands Antilles can take place. This is the process of restructuring the country in order.

At the meeting were representatives from all six islands and the Netherlands the chance to display the current status in the last to speak. Afterwards, the final declaration signed. The last signature was deputy Chris Johnson of Saba. He thought it was appropriate to be the last to sign, "We will close the door and the light ", as his father, Will Johnson announced almost ten years ago.

Following the official signing followed extended congratulations. The Dutch delegation was so enthusiastic that they are the end of the meeting slightly delayed because they were each other 's arms enthusiastically. There was one person at the end of the conference unfilled. Puablo Soberano -Lieder Helminen Wiels left shortly before the official time the hall. His explanation was that he is not of ceremonies and he is angry because the motion was adopted on Wednesday, September 8 still to deal with the Movement of Persons Act.

State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld was obviously elated afterwards. That the sun just began to shine on her head when she saw the final declaration signed it as a good sign. " Each island gave the last speech at coloring one 's own time. I thought that was beautiful. The emotion in the voice of Emily de Jongh - Elhage has really touched me. "

Some respect to enforcing those present was the fact that the recently appointed commissioner of political affairs Curacao Sheldry Osepa all the credit for the abolition of the country gave to his political predecessors of the PAR. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

'The seal is set on the work'

9 Sep, 2010, 07:51 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — With the signing of the final declaration of the Round Table Conference this afternoon, the last step has been taken for the dismantlement of the Antilles. The most important decision is that the amended Constitution for the Kingdom will become effective per 10-10-2010 – and the decision to hold an annual Kingdom-conference is included in the declaration as well. The present delegations were happy, but many participants admitted to have mixed feelings as well, because there is still much work to be done.

"This conclusion marks a special moment in the political history of the Kingdom. This is the most fundamental amendment since the signing of the Constitution in 1954.



Premier Balkenende: "It is good to emphasize here once again, that there must remain room for reflection and dialogue also after today and also after October 10th, because the relationships in the Kingdom have never been embedded in concrete."

With this, we do justice to the feelings of the people of the islands, feelings of more autonomy," outgoing Premier Jan Peter Balkenende said afterwards. "The seal is set on the work. 10-10-'10 is not the final destination, but the beginning of new possibilities." He also states, "It is good to emphasize here once again, that there must remain room for reflection and dialogue also after today and also after October 10th, because the relationships in the Kingdom have never been embedded in concrete. That's exactly why it is good we now establish with one another that we will confer with each other at least once a year during the Kingdom-conference."

Four years

Within one and a half hour after the start of the conference, the signing was already accompanied by many words of appreciation and gratitude for the other participants, but each delegation leader also briefly gave his opinion on this historic event. For instance, State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten said the signing was the result of four years' hard work. "We did not amend the Constitution because we found it amusing, but because it also means something good for the population. That's why I signed with conviction." Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage said, "It is accomplished. We made it. We will continue with what binds us and not with what separates us." Deputy Sheldry Osepa, leader of the Curaçao delegation, emphatically thanked his predecessor Zita Jesus-Leito. "With the co-signing we realize a step towards the further emancipation of our people. The new status offers further possibilities."

William Marlin, delegation leader of St. Maarten, said it was an honor to sign on behalf of the people of his island. "This marks the end of a process that St. Maarten has been working on for ten years and three months already. It was long and difficult, but we never gave up the courage."

Jubilation

After the signing, it was noticeable that particularly the Antillean delegation under direction of De Jongh-Elhage congratulated each other enthusiastically, while the other delegations remained calm.

Looking back, Osepa said he was truly happy with the signing. "With this declaration, I think this complies with the order from the Island-Council. Perhaps they are jubilant because the Antilles are to be dismantled. The difference

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with us is that a lot of work is still to be done.”

Sarah Wescot-Williams of the delegation from St. Maarten could identify with those words. “This also applies for St. Maarten of course. We are pleased, but another large challenge still awaits us. Those are the things that determine the emotions.” For that matter, St. Maarten presented all delegation members and other important persons, such as the Chairman of the Lower Chamber, with a first copy of the Constitution.

PS-leader Helmin Wiels was not present at all during the conference and the signing, but was walking around on the Binnenhof. “This is pure ceremonial. One cannot negotiate here anyway, so I do not wish to be there.” Moreover, Wiels got angry about the fact that the Lower Chamber, including the State-Secretary, still wanted to come with a National Law Passenger Traffic. For that matter, that law was not discussed during the Round Table Conference.

Own culture

The leader of the Bonairean delegation, Jopie Abraham also had mixed feelings. “I ask the Netherlands, of which we will become a part, to work up patience and show understanding that the Caribbean Islands have an own character and culture”, he said when signing. Afterwards, Abraham said he had fixed feelings though, because a referendum was not held on Bonaire yet. “The people did not choose to become a part of the Netherlands. We were given the choice to agree with the current agreements or with independence, while the Council of State advised an associated status. That process will continue.”

There are mixed feelings on Aruba as well. The Aruban Premier Mike Eman of the AVP viewed the signing as a clear choice to stay together within the Kingdom. “We see new possibilities for the Kingdom.” However, the MEP-politician Booshi Wever emphasized that Aruba only made sacrifices regarding the Dutch authority with the ratification of the international treaties.

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The crown is put on the work

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Final Round Table Conference
by our correspondent Otti Thomas

THE HAGUE - The signing of the final declaration of the Round Table Conference this afternoon the last step taken for the dismantling of the Antilles. The main decision was that the revised Charter for the Kingdom will come into force with effect from 10.10.2010. But the decision to hold an annual Kingdom Conference, is in the statement. The delegations present were happy, but many participants also acknowledged mixed feelings because there is still much work to be done.



At the start of Round Table Conference with the delegation leaders.

" This closing marks a special moment in the political history of the Kingdom. This is the most significant change since the signing of the Statute in 1954. This we do justice to the feelings of the people of the islands, more feelings of autonomy, "said caretaker Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende after. 'The crown is put at work. '10 - 10-10 is not the end but the start of new opportunities. " He added : "It is good to be here again to emphasize that, even after today and after October 10 must remain room for reflection and dialogue Because the relations in the Kingdom have never been cast in concrete. This makes it especially good that we now together we capture at least once a year with each other to talk to the Kingdom Conference.

Four years

The signature, all within a half hours after the start of the conference, was accompanied by many words of appreciation and thanks to other participants, but each delegation also gave brief opinion about this historic event. So said State Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Schouten that the signing was the result of four years hard work. "We change the Statute because we do not like it, but because it means something good for the people. Therefore, I draw with conviction. " Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage said : "It is finished. We made it. We continue with what unites us and not what divides us. "

Deputy Sheldry Osepa, leader of the Curaçao delegation also thanked his predecessor expressly Zita Jesus - Leito. "With the co - signature, we implement a step in the further emancipation of our people. The new status provides further opportunities. "

William Marlin, delegation of St. Martin, called it an honor to put his signature on behalf of the people of his island. "This marks the end of a process where St. Maarten ten years and three months doing. It was long and difficult, but we have the courage never specified. "

Cheer

After the signing noticed that especially the Antillean delegation headed by De Jongh - Elhage enthusiastically congratulated each other, while other delegations remained calm. Osepa said later that he was really happy with the signing. "I think this statement are fulfilling the mission of the Island. Maybe they cheer because the Antilles are eliminated. The difference with us is that there is a lot of work to be

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done. "

Sarah Wescot - Williams of the St. Maarten delegation recognized in those words. " This applies to St. Maarten automatically too. We are pleased, but still awaits a serious challenge. These are the things that define the mood. " St. Maarten also handed to all delegates and other key figures, including the chairman of the House, a first copy of the Constitution.

PS leader Helminen Wiels was at the conference and the signing did not exist, but failed in the Courtyard. " This is purely ceremonial. This can not be negotiated, so as I do not want to be there. " Wiels makes itself also angry about the fact that the House, including the State, yet with an Act of the People Movement will come. Moreover the law came at the Round Table Conference is not at issue.

Own culture

Mixed feelings were also the leader of the delegation Bonaire, Jopie Abraham. " I ask the Netherlands where we are part of in order to bring patience and understanding to show that the Caribbean islands a unique character and culture, " he said at the signing. Abraham said afterwards that he still had mixed feelings, because no referendum was held on Bonaire. "The population has not chosen to be part of the Netherlands. We get the choice to accept the current arrangements or independence, while the Council of State has recommended an associated status. That process will continue to run. "

Also on Aruba are mixed feelings. The Aruban Prime Minister Mike Eman of the AVP saw the signing as a clear choice to stay together in the Kingdom. " We see new opportunities for the Kingdom. "The MEP politician Booshi Weaver stressed however that Aruba has only to surrender on the Dutch power in the ratification of international treaties. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Final RTC to start dismantling of Antilles

Published : September 9, 2010 - 3:02 pm | by [Jamila Baaziz](#) (Photo : [RNW](#))

The end of the country is Netherlands Antilles at this time, Thursday, September 9, set. The final Round Table Conference (RTC) to the dismantling of the country to ratify Netherlands Antilles is started at 14.00.

The queen has the effect of Royal Decree to amend the Act of the Regulations relating to the lifting of the Netherlands Antilles have signed, as did Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld has just told the World Service. At the end of the final RTC does this only to be countersigned by the other partners kingdom. She is happy that all is well received : "For me, this Final RTC purely symbolic, we have made every effort to eliminate the bumps."

Schotte

At the red carpet at the Knights flows from 13:15 the guests in good pace inside. Gerrit Schotte, the new political leader of Curacao and Curacao seeks first prime minister, already know what the first is that he will do after 10-10 - '10: "The red tape, bureaucracy has to go. We want to be closer to the people govern. We all want a Curaçao better. "He is ready to govern. Schotte wants to ensure that Antillean students after their studies back again to their island, "Then they can give back what they have achieved professionally in the Netherlands."

De Jongh - Elhage and Duncan

Emily de Jongh - Elhage, the last Antillean Prime Minister, is proud that the decommissioning date of October 10th, 2010 reached will be : "Any changes done here is hurt, but this is the wish of the Curaçao population." About her new position in the oppsitie she says : "I continue to serve the people." Also Roland Duncan, Antillean minister of state affairs, is happy and especially for his island of St. Maarten : "We hope that we get the chance to do the job. This can and we have the courage to do it."

Marlin

St. Maartense political leader William Marlin is satisfied and does not worry too much about the Dutch influence after dismantling "It 's not that big a Netherlands has finger in the pie. The Plans are not higher supervision. We've made them myself and they will pay for themselves and carry themselves well. Will Johnson, member of the States of Saba looks forward to this day with mixed feelings : " We have always worked well together with the other Antillean islands.

Brinkman

PVV'er Hero Brinkman was one of the few who are not very excited to Knight comes out. He maintains that the money for the debt goes to the islands ' tax money is being squandered on ". Yet there for him points of light : "I am pleased that people in Curaçao and Bonaire have awakened and start thinking about their self-determination." Brinkman would prefer that all the islands completely independently that the Netherlands no more money in having to stabbing. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Tomorrow Final Round Table Conference

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PHILIPSBURG - The Hall of Knights in The Hague tomorrow the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) held. During this RTC is the rounding up of political reform within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Curacao and St. Maarten are new countries. Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba are special Dutch municipalities (public bodies).

The Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende is chairman of the RTC. There were delegations present from Netherlands Antilles (headed by Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage), Curaçao (headed by deputy Sheldry Osepa), St. Maarten (led by commissioner William Marlin), Aruba (led by Minister Prime Mike Eman) Saba (headed by deputy Will Johnson), St. Eustatius (led by commissioner Julian Woodley) and Netherlands (headed by State Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Schouten).

The RTC begins at two o'clock Dutch time. At five o'clock in the afternoon (eleven in the morning for us) is the signature of the final declaration of the latter RTC planned.

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St. Maarten Island Time

Curacao independence up for discussion next year

Written by Andre Huie Wednesday, 08 September 2010 14:35

PHILIPSBURG, Curacao - The island territory of Curacao is being represented by a delegation in Holland as well for Round Table Conference.

Gonzalo Cuales of z-86 radio in Willemstad reported on *PJD-2 Radio* that as of the next Kingdom Conference next year, Curacao will have the right to put forward any topic including the termination of Consensus Laws and the right for Curacao becoming an independent state. But in Curacao, there has been a lot of discussion on this issue; coming also from former prime minister Etienne Ys.

Ys, as advisor of the central government, opposes any discussion for Curacao becoming independent as the people of the island never voted for such a status.

Ys said that while the central government exists, it will not entertain inclusion of discussion for Curacao becoming an independent country.

Nobody in Curacao questioned this matter to be discussed in the future conference but not in Thursday's Round Table Conference in Holland.

The Curacao public at this time, Cuales noted is not interested in discussing independence but is more focused on constitutional change for the island by October 10, 2010.

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

Broad support for 10-10-10

WEDNESDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2010 23:43



As Second Chamber approves charter amendment

THE HAGUE--October 10, the date for new constitutional relations in the Dutch Kingdom, has received broad support from the Second Chamber. The liberal democratic VVD party supported the process after all.

Initially, the VVD had been against the Kingdom Law to amend the Charter, but during the voting on the motions that were submitted on Tuesday in the debate on the Implementation Kingdom Decree to amend the Charter, the largest faction gave in.

VVD's support depended on its own motion, which stated that the future Kingdom Law on Movement of Persons (Rijkswet Personenverkeer) should include an admittance and expulsion regulation for high-risk Antillean youngsters. The regulation should be based on reciprocity whereby criminal Dutch citizens residing on the islands also can be sent back to the Netherlands.

The Christian Democratic Party CDA and the Party for Freedom PVV support such a regulation. Together, the three parties have a majority in Parliament, albeit a small one.

Labour Party PvdA Member of Parliament (MP) Jeroen Recourt tried to obstruct voting on the motion. He wanted to have clarity first from Dutch caretaker Minister of Justice Ernst Hirsch Ballin about the constitutional repercussions of an admittance and expulsion regulation.

Recourt received support from the green left party GroenLinks, Democrats D66, Christian Union CU and the Party for Animals Pvd. MP Willibrord van Beek of the VVD said his party didn't support the proposal to first seek the Minister's advice. MP Ronald van Raak of the Socialist Party (SP) said seeking advice was "nonsense" and requested voting on the motion.

Second Chamber Chairwoman Gerdi Verbeet decided that the voting would proceed. Recourt then moved to request individual voting. The end result was that 73 Members voted in favour and 62 against the motion. Recourt subsequently asked for a letter from the Justice Minister about the constitutional legality of an admittance and expulsion regulation. In 2004 and 2005, the Dutch Parliament also voted in

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favour of motions to implement travel restrictions for Antillean youngsters.

The Second Chamber also voted on three other motions on Wednesday: a motion of SP to postpone the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) scheduled for today, Thursday, and instead organise an emergency conference on the "crisis" in the Kingdom; a motion of the Party for Freedom PVV to cease the debt reorganisation now that Curaçao's new government is "taking steps for independence"; and a motion, also of the PVV, to defer the Implementation Kingdom Decree to amend the Charter.

Only the SP voted in favour of its own motion. Besides the PVV, no other party supported the motion to cease the debt reorganisation. The SP and PVV voted for the motion to defer the Implementation Kingdom Decree.

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SMN – St. Maarten News Network

Second Chamber Clears the Way for Country Status.

WEDNESDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2010 20:59

The Hague/Philipsburg:---The vote by the chamber of the second chamber that allows St. Maarten and Curacao to move forward with its country status as scheduled for October 10 is another boost for the island during the RTC meetings which is scheduled for Thursday September 9th in the Hague.

Representing St. Maarten is its leader William Marlin and the team of experts and advisors along with former commissioner of constitutional affairs Sarah Wescot Williams.

The motion presented by the PVV to stop the process was voted down with the PVV and Sp voting in favor.

The Kingdom Law on the Movement of persons, considered to be the most important of the four motions which was submitted by the VVDE was carried with 73 votes in favor with 63 against. The members of Parliament was asked to vote individually with a simple "yes or no answer" The motion on the debt reorganization was also rejected with only the PVV voted in favor of its motion.

Leader of the Democratic Party and former commissioner of Constitutional Affairs Sarah Wescott Williams who joined the delegation on Tuesday said that the final hurdle has been cleared for St. Maarten's coveted country status after 10 years, two months and 17 days of work. Wescott Williams said after much sacrifices, trials, and disappointments the time now is to make a success of new country which is in the hands of the people of St. Maarten.

The former commissioner of constitutional affairs said the people of St. Maarten deserves to be congratulated for the decision they took in 2000 and congratulated for their steadfastness and endurance during the past 10 years and finally for their confidence in their leaders to see the process through.

Wescott Williams said the work for St. Maarten has only now begun and that the people have the chance to mold and shape the nation into what they want it to be. She also acknowledged that building St. Maarten would take time but the people will see the fruits of their labour.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Curaçao can always choose other status '

Published : September 8, 2010 - 10:21 am | by [Editors Caribiana](#) (Photo : [Selwyn de Wind](#))

The command that the new Executive Council of Curaçao to the negotiations was made on September 7 at the Political Steering Group for a hefty discussion. Sheldry Osepa (MFK) came to the Netherlands with the assignment to be recorded in writing, Curacao always make use of the autonomy to choose independence. It eventually succeeded, but the government of the Antilles this difficult.

"The country did not cooperate Netherlands Antilles to the decision that the Island has taken, "said Osepa. "It was a chore - especially - the former prime Etienne ICE (PAR) to move it to accept our proposal. " Osepa is proud that - with some delay - it was successful : " We have four days this is achieved, while the PAR something in less than four years has succeeded. "

Curaçao has to put on record that it is procedurally possible ever to choose a different status. The country always wants to make use of self-determination. But Osepa says, there is no question of : "Some people say that we came to the Netherlands to become independent, but that is a lie. "Ultimately it was agreed that a Kingdom in Curacao Conference, which will take place at least once a year, any new political demands can contribute.

Aruba

Mike Eman of the Aruban prime minister is no doubt that the islands can exercise their right to self-determination : " This is widely accepted. " He always listened to that requires new ideas. Eman is not the impression that the people of Curaçao will be completely independent. " If political leaders want something else, the people express themselves about a referendum. "He expects Curacao, Aruba like - being will choose good ties with the Netherlands and Europe. (Trnaslated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Terminating National Laws added as agenda item at Kingdom-conference

8 Sep, 2010, 08:15 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — After fourteen hours of negotiations, the Political Steering Committee (PSG) consultation ended at three o'clock last night with the decision to hold an annual Kingdom-conference after October 10th. During that conference, one could speak about numerous subjects, amongst others the wish from the Curaçao delegation to terminate the consensus National Laws – if so desired unilaterally – and to include in the Charter the right to start the procedure for an independent status at any time.



The consultation of the Political Steering Committee only ended at three o'clock midnight.

Deputy Sheldry Osepa, leader of the Curaçao delegation, is pleased with the result. "Of course we also know there are no more substantive changes possible at the end of the ride. However, in any case we wanted to have agreements on the procedures to be followed for an amendment. We would not have signed the decision list otherwise. The decision list now includes exactly what we wanted. The council decision is even named explicitly in the decision to hold a Kingdom-consultation," Osepa said this morning.

According to some participants, the consultation took so long because the Antillean delegation was obstructive, in particular advisor Etienne Ys.

Osepa confirms that Ys had the largest objections. "That is unheard-of, because the Antilles only have a facilitating role – even the Netherlands agreed. It was eventually State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) who had to go back and forth between the Antillean and the Curaçao delegation that evening to find a solution."

Bijleveld admitted she had to mediate, but according to her, the meeting mainly took that long because as chairperson she had to go the Lower Chamber twice – for the debate on the formation and the debate on the progress of the dismantlement. She is pleased with the result. "One can discuss just about everything during the Kingdom-consultation. There was no room for that now."



Emily de Jongh-Elhage and Ank Bijleveld-Schouten in conversation at the Binnenhof.

Obstinate with pride

States-chairman Pedro Atacho (PAR) is also pleased with the result, although he cannot agree with the criticism on his party. "If we are obstinate, then we are so with pride, because we carry out the choice of the population with the referendum. We respect

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the democracy." The demand to include the procedure for independence in the Charter is actually in defiance of the population's wish, he says.

"Those articles were added for Aruba after a referendum in which Aruba had declared itself in favor of independence in a referendum. This is not the case on Curaçao."

Supervision

During the consultation of the Political Steering Committee, the plans of approach for the legal function and environmental planning on St. Maarten were discussed in detail as well. Bijleveld actually wanted supervision on such by means of an Order in National Council, including the authority from the National Council of Minister to intervene.

However, the delegation from St. Maarten, under the direction of William Marlin, succeeded in convincing the State-Secretary that supervision was not necessary, because St. Maarten is already far advanced. St. Maarten will make use of the Dutch officials though, for example in the field of legislation, which is now also the case. With regard to environmental planning and management, one will present a progress report to a review committee on a regular basis. "Therefore, there is no question of supervision. I am pleased with the result," says Marlin.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Termination National Laws on the agenda may Kingdom Conference

September 8, 2010, 14:20 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE - After fourteen hours negotiating the Political Steering Group (PSG) consultations at three hours last night concluded with the decision to October 10 after an annual Kingdom Conference account. During that conference can be spoken on many subjects, including the desire of the Curaçao government delegation to the consensus - Laws if required to unilaterally terminate the Statute and the right to take ever to begin the procedure for an independent state.

by our correspondent Otti Thomas



Consultations of the Political Steering Group was only three hours at night completed

Sheldry Osepa commissioner, leader of the Curaçao delegation is pleased with the outcome. " We also know that at the end of it no material changes are possible. But we wanted to at least agree on the procedures to be followed for a change. Otherwise we had not signed the resolutions. Now does the resolutions exactly what we wanted. The decree is even mentioned explicitly in the decision to talk to a Kingdom, "commented Osepa morning. Some participants took the consultation as long as the Antillean delegation dwarslag, notably Etienne Ys advisor. Ys Osepa confirms that the main objections had. "That is unheard of, because the Antilles, only a facilitative role. Even the Netherlands had agreed. Eventually it was State Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) at night several times between the Antilles and Curaçao delegation down and had to find a solution. "

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Bijleveld acknowledged that she had to mediate, but attributes the meeting lasted so long mainly because as president on two occasions to the House had, for the debate on the formation and the debate on the progress of decommissioning. She is pleased with the outcome. "During the Kingdom can talk about everything spoken. Now there was no room for. "



Stubbornly proud

States also President Pedro Atacho (PAR) is the result, though he can not accept criticism of his party. "If we are stubborn, we are proud that, because we choose the people to run the referendum. We respect democracy. "

Emily de Jongh - Elhage and Ank Bijleveld - Schouten call on Parliament Buildings.

The requirement in the Statute for the procedure to include independence, is precisely contrary to the wishes of the people, he says. "These articles are added after a referendum in which Aruba Aruba is in a referendum had voted for independence. In Curacao there is no. "

Supervision

During the consultations of the Political Steering Committee was also extensively discussed the plans of action for the legal function and land on St. Maarten. Bijleveld wanted it there by means of a General Measure of Government Administration monitoring would be taken, including the power of the State Ministers to intervene. The delegation of St. Maarten, headed by William Marlin, the Secretary did, however make sure that monitoring is not necessary, because St. Martin is already well advanced. St. Maarten will have use of Dutch officers, for example in the field of law as is currently the case. Regarding planning and management will be a regular progress report be presented to a review committee. "From monitoring is no question. I am satisfied with the outcome, "said Marlin. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Lower House approves motion admission and repatriation

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A broad meerderheid of the Lower House on Wednesday formally approved the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles. This is the last hurdle for the abolition of the country the Netherlands Antilles on 10/10/2010. Only the PVV and the SP voted against the new political relations.

The Lower House in the same meeting a motion of the VVD for an entry and return system for the Kingdom adopted. The VVD wants to be still in the Kingdom Act on Movement of Persons and return an admission control based on the principle of " reciprocity "is included. The Antilles and Aruba have always vehemently opposed such an arrangement. That is why the Act of the Movement of Persons has not been made and considered.

Even Secretary Ank Bijleveld of Kingdom Relations, which since the fall of the cabinet also MP for the CDA, voted for the motion : "I consider the room left. The next cabinet will take him to submit. But I've never made a secret banks or invested I am in favor of a good law on the movement of people. Our government had also made plans. There is no link to the new political relations, "said Ank Bijleveld against Worldwide.

Plenipotentiary Minister Edwin Abath of Aruba is not happy with the adoption of this motion. " We have always said that two categories of citizens in the kingdom are, "said Abath. " We see these votes against the background of the formation which is busy now in the Netherlands. But we await the developments, the details are still unknown and some groups in the room like something else. remains intact that we oppose. "

Also Abaths colleague Marcel van der Plank stressed that so far has not. " We will first write to the Minister of Justice with the question whether this is possible. But we believe that we all Dutch people in the Kingdom. " Van der Plank understands that Ank Bijleveld voted for the motion. " She has voted with her party, that is her right and is independent of political changes. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Deportation regulation in exchange for dismantlement

8 Sep, 2010, 08:17 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — As far as the Lower Chamber is concerned, the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles can simply proceed, but then more or less in exchange for an entry and deportation regulation for Antilleans and Arubans. As member of the CDA-party, State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) also voted in favor today for that controversial regulation that could count on a majority of 73 against 62 votes with support from the PVV.

Immediately afterwards, the member of government telephoned Premier Jan Peter Balkenende to inform him that the Round Table Conference (RTC) could be held tomorrow.

In the motion, the VVD asks to include in the National Law Passenger Traffic, if the motion is introduced, 'an entry and return regulation on a reciprocal basis'. During the preparatory debate last night, the VVD Lower Chamber member Andre Bosman already indicated that in principle he agrees with the continuance of the dismantlement, but still had problems with the matters that have not been finalized yet.

The entry and deportation regulation was the main problem said Bosman, who emphasized that the island could also return criminal Dutch citizens.

Eric Lucassen from the PVV and Coskun Cörüz from the CDA concurred with such. "The State-Secretary can continue with the process, but we do find there should be the possibility to return criminal youngsters", says Cörüz.

Ronald van Raak from the SP found it strange that the CDA and the VVD agreed with the continuance of the dismantlement, while they simultaneously concluded that the islands were actually not ready yet. Bosman responded by stating that as a flying instructor with the air force he had never experienced perfect circumstances. "In that case, someone would never have gotten one's wings. We will never accomplish anything if we wait until everything is arranged perfectly.

Procedure

Agreements on the voting subsequently suggested that the National Law Passenger Traffic was connected to an approval for the political structure. Bosman requested – entirely unconventionally – to vote on the deportation regulation first, although he actually had nothing to do with the topic. Only after that did he want to vote on the motion from the SP to cancel the RTC and the motions from the PVV to stop the debt reconstruction as well as halt the political process, by not agreeing with the amended Charter taking effect per October 10th. He did not want to elaborate on questions from Ineke van Gent (GroenLinks) and Jeroen Recourt (PvdA) on the reasons behind his request.

"Why not simply say you are voting against the Charter amendment if your own motion is not adopted", says Van Raak. "This motion is simply important to us", Bosman responded.

Also this morning, when a vote was about to be taken, Recourt tried to wave aside the VVD-motion by asking advice from the Minister of Justice beforehand, but according to VVD-member Willibrord van Beek this was very unusual, after which one proceeded with the voting. There was sufficient support though for Recourt's proposal to examine the return regulation in retrospect. The motions from the PVV and SP were not adopted.

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State-Secretary Bijleveld, who currently also has a function as Chamber member, voted in favor of VVD's proposal. "As cabinet, we always said there had to be a National Law Passenger Traffic, but it came to a dead stop in a consultative phase. This is why I also stated yesterday that I am leaving the judgment of this law up to the Chamber. However, the implementation is up to the next cabinet."

Against the law

In retrospect, Pedro Atacho of the PAR said he is not concerned because it already appeared earlier that an entry and deportation regulation is against the law. "If it's a National Law, the Antilles and Aruba will have to agree and if it's a Dutch Law then it's against the Constitution."

The Lower Chamber also spoke about the pension scheme for the Island-Council, which they described as 'outrageous'. Recourt and Van Gent actually wanted to introduce a motion to rescind the decision, but decided not to. The State-Secretary namely promised to have the regulation tested against the National Law Financial Supervision. "My general attitude is I am critical about matters that are not beneficial for the population" according to Bijleveld.

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Expansion scheme in exchange for dismantling

September 8, 2010, 14:22 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE - The dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles as the House may just keep going on, but more or less in exchange for an admission and deportation system for Antillean and Aruban. Even Secretary Ank Bijleveld -Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) today voted as a member of the CDA Group for that controversial legislation, with the support of the Freedom Party could count on a majority of 73 against 62 votes.

by our correspondent Otti Thomas

Immediately after the government called woman Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende to pass that the Round Table Conference (RTC) can go tomorrow.

The motion asks the VVD in the Act of the Movement of Persons, as it is submitted, 'a return authorization and settlement based on the principle of 'reciprocity' to include '. VVD MP Andre Bosman gave during the preliminary discussion last night that he already had agreed in principle to continue the dismantling, but still had problems with things not yet completed. The admission and expulsion rules there was the principal of, said Bosman, who stressed that the islands also Dutch criminal can send back.

Eric Lucassen of the PVV and the CDA Cörüz Coskun joined with that. "The Secretary may by the process, but we do believe that there is the possibility for young criminals to return," said Cörüz.

Ronald van Raak The SP found it strange that the CDA and the VVD agreed to the continuation of the dismantling, but they also noted that the islands really were not ready. Bosman said then that he was a flight instructor at the Air Force never had to do with perfect conditions. "Dan had ever met his pilot's license. If we wait until everything is perfectly arranged, we will never get anywhere."

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Procedure

Agreements on voting suggested then that the Act of the Movement of Persons connected to an approval for the constitutional structure. Bosman asked entirely uncommon to first vote on the expansion scheme, although nothing had to do with the subject. Only then did he vote on the motion of the SP to the RTC to cancel the PVV and the motions of the debt and stop the political process to stop, by not agreeing to the implementation of the revised Statute by October 10. To questions about the underlying reason for Ineke van Gent (Green Left) and Jeroen Recourt (PvdA) he would not comment. " Say you just vote against the Statute Revision as your motion is not adopted, " said Van Touch then. "This motion is just important for us, " said Bosman.

Also this morning, at the start of the vote, tried Recourt the VVD motion of the table to get through prior opinion of the Minister of Justice to ask, but according VVD Willibrord van Beek was very unusual, and the vote took passage. For Recourt proposal to return afterwards to test system was sufficient support. The motions of the PVV and SP were not adopted.

State Secretary Bijleveld, which currently function as an MP has voted for the proposal of the VVD. "We have always said that the Act of the Cabinet on Movement of Persons has had, but he continued stabbing in a consultative phase. Therefore I also said yesterday that I have this law to the discretion of the Court's left. But the introduction to the next government. "

Contrary to law

Pedro Atacho of PAR said afterwards that he did not worry as has already been shown that an admission and deportation scheme is contrary to the law. "If it is an Act of the Kingdom, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba and accept it as a Dutch law, it is contrary to the Constitution. "

The House also spoke about the pension scheme for the Island, considering them " scandalous " defined. Recourt and Van Gent really wanted a motion to bring this decision to be destroyed, but saw declines. The Minister promised to the scheme which is to be reviewed with the Act of the Financial Supervision. "My general attitude is that I am critical about matters not on the population to benefit, "said Bijleveld. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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VBC : Governor should back pension void

September 8th, 2010, 14:19 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The Curaçao Business Association (VBC) with " disbelief and dismay " aware of media reports that the majority of the former Island Council on September 3 has decided to accept the pension Curacao Island Council members. The governor, according to the association to declare invalid the system again.

" It is virtually the same rules adopted by the Prime Minister and the Governor in 2008/2009 has already been declared invalid. Apparently, this action and the death decision made little impression, "the VBC. The VBC is not against a pension of Island Council members, " but they must meet the retirement criteria for all those participating in the labor funds.

For the following reasons, in the opinion of the VBC approved scheme by the governor again declared invalid shall be : considered in 2008/2009 by the governor certifying scheme invalid (because it was contrary to public interest) is nothing substantial changes have occurred. " But this is total contempt for society in general and the governor in particular. Disrespectful, shameless and totally unethical, "said VBC.

The scheme is also under the VBC does not comply with the Pensions Order 2002 to retirement in 35-40 years (70 per cent of pensionable salary) should be built and the retirement age at 60 years was adopted. " The tax regime is not socially acceptable in twelve years since it leads to full pension starting at age 55. There is heavy unequal treatment (discrimination) of citizens of Curaçao and is probably in violation of international conventions such as the UN Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR treaty). It might also be non-discrimination as enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) relied upon. "

The scheme is also contrary to the provisions of the country decides to strengthen budget discipline (OJ 2001 No 40) which clearly establishes that the financial implications of proposals to be made visible before schemes can be said VBC.

"The very transparent and very insidious way in which this scheme was discussed and approved and that categorically refused to learn from the past to draw the test of good governance / good governance not stand. This time no " Silent Night "but a jazzy night 10.10.2010 approach. "The rules, according to the association, the epitome of pure self- enrichment and self-interest and completely counter to the public interest.

VBC : "For all clarity here also recalled to note that although the benefit of political authorities (ministers, members of the States, state secretaries, rulers, commissioners and Island Council members of St. Maarten, Bonaire, Saba and St. Eustatius) in 2006 have been adjusted, this far from market conditions. There is, therefore, there still exist very unequal treatment of citizens. To view the VBC is contrary to the principle of equality and should these arrangements as soon as possible to be aligned with what the Pensions Order 2002 prescribes. "

For the people

In accordance with the Alameda agreement in which the new Executive Board and coalition specifically state that the new government " with the people, for the people and interests of the whole population ' will operate, the VBC an urgent appeal to the new BC and the Island to be one of the first acts by the former Island Council on September 3 approved pension scheme for destruction to nominate to the governor. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Last discussed decommissioning obstacles in House debate

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"The country is Netherlands Antilles for the island without any safety net more." And "deal is a deal " With those words summed up resigning Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld concisely that there is no return for political renewal. The last - second House debate on the final Round Table Conference (RTC) was therefore essentially putting some final remarks about political reform.

"It is time for final decisions," said Bijleveld plenary debate. The main obstacles that arose during the evening were limited. The biggest stumbling block for almost all Dutch political parties, the sudden adoption of a generous pension scheme for civil servants in Curaçao September 5th, the day that the new Executive Board was installed. Ineke van Gent of the Green Left called this "a serious administrative brutality." According to Ronald van Raak (SP) makes this system the people of Curaçao 'very angry'.

Pension scheme

Bijleveld therefore received a request to investigate the possibility of this decision on the pension to be destroyed. That has happened twice before in this scheme (2007 and 2009). The Secretary announced Curaçao for clarification on the question to have asked. She looks at the possibility and need to take action and let the regime against the Financial Supervisory Kingdom Act.

Emergency Conference

Another thorny issue was the recurring comment several Dutch MPs that the islands are 'not ready' would be their new status. Van Raak : "We put a hut and they say that it is a palace. But we were promised a palace." He believes that the islanders are off badly come as at October 10, 2010 decommissioning continues one submitted a motion asking for the final RTC to defer and instead an emergency conference to hold to discuss the situation on the islands.

Motions

PVV'er Eric Lucassen submitted a motion to debt relief and aid to Curaçao to stop, because the island under him - short- term steps to take to become independent. The second motion called for the Lucassen advantageous Royal Decree amending the Statute on which all partners have reached an agreement - not to execute. Curaçao and Sint Maarten, according to him, not all conditions are met in order for country status to proceed.

Also filed a motion in the VVD. Andre Bosman asked very strongly in the Kingdom Act on the movement of people to believe that here there must be reciprocity. This law, which still must be a new cabinet, the

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movement between the Netherlands and the islands to govern. Bijleveld gave them that this law is not in the package of constitutional law and therefore not treated. She considers this matter to let a new government.

On the motions will be voted on Wednesday, September 8. Bijleveld Court also advised against the approval of the first three motions.

Political Steering

Before and after the debate was also at the Hilton Hotel is located farther Political Steering Group site, where delegations from the islands and the Netherlands some final hurdles on the way to the final RTC tried to clear away. Hot issues here included the call for more autonomy for Curaçao new directors, the need for legal support for St. Maarten and possible corruption in the sector Planning and Management in St. Maarten.

On Thursday, September 9, the final Round Table Conference held in the Knights Hall in The Hague. Since the lifting of the Country the Netherlands Antilles on October 10th, 2010 will be finally signed and sealed. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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SXM Island Time (St. Maarten)

[Curacao and St. Maarten focus on \(RTC\)](#)

Written by Staff Reporter Tuesday, 07 September 2010 13:57

PHILIPSBURG, Willemstad - All eyes in the Netherlands Antilles are now set on the Round Table Conference (RTC) which is to be held in Holland on Thursday September 9th.

On Curacao the anxieties were elevated due to the formation process and the time limitations that were placed on it.

There were serious concerns that due to the make-up of the new island government of Curacao, there could be serious consequences from the constitutional process, particularly for St. Maarten.

The process on St. Maarten also had its share of anxieties with the opposition stating that they would not be a rubber stamp for the island government with the passage of the needed organic laws for Country St. Maarten.

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PAR criticizes starting up of independence procedure

7 Sep, 2010, 08:20 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — PAR-Minister Omayra Leeflang (Public Health, Education and Social Development) does not have one good word on the fact that the parties MFK, PS and MAN started up the process to realize an independent Curaçao, without having consulted the people.

The council's decision adopted by a council majority last weekend specifically states that a procedure must be included in the Charter 'for the realization of the independence of Curaçao'. It is exactly this passage that the current minister at national level criticizes. During the council meeting of last Saturday, various opposition members pointed to the fact that the current Board of Governors (BC) could not discuss independence with the Netherlands because the Curaçao people had not given their opinion on this yet.

Dictatorship

Leeflang indicates that the proposal to include this passage in the council decision occurred under pressure from PS-leader Helmin Wiels. He is an ardent fighter for an autonomous Curaçao. The decision was subsequently adopted with eleven favorable votes from the coalition and ten votes against from the opposition. "This is an alarming development. It indicates a dictatorship to push the people towards independence, without consulting the people on this matter."

The argument from the opposition parties is that in the Charter such a possibility was also applied on Aruba. However, according to Leeflang, this comparison won't hold. The Aruban people chose for independence in the seventies. However, in 1993 they decided they no longer wanted this. During the referendum in 2005, the people of Curaçao did not choose for independence. A massive majority chose for the status of an autonome Curaçao in the Kingdom," says the Minister. According to Leeflang, a government cannot decide on one's own initiative to brush aside the people's wish and continue one's own way.

Council decision

The council decision that was adopted with eleven votes and ten opposing votes, states the following. Considering, that the outcome of the elections held on August 27th 2010, has marked a new phase in the pursuit of further emancipation of the people of Curaçao; that in connection with the autonomy of Curaçao, one should be able to cancel consensus National Laws as previously indicated by the Advisory Council of the Netherlands Antilles; that within the framework of the autonomy, each nation can determine its own future amongst which the possibility to opt for independence; that after the commencement of the articles I and II of the Statute Law amendment Charter in connection with the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles, Curaçao will start the procedure to change the Constitution; that referring to article 73 of the United Nation's charter, regarding the development of self-government one has to thoroughly consider the political inspirations of the peoples and help them with the progressive development of their free political disposition in accordance with the exceptional circumstances of every territory and its population and their various stages of development;

Decision: Curaçao's participation with the final RTC of September 9th 2010 in The Hague; instruct the Curaçao-delegation to make procedural agreements with the partners in the Kingdom after the commencement of the articles I and II of the Statute Law amendment Charter in connection with the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles; to include and confirm a definite cancellation stipulation in the consensus National Laws by possibly adding in the Charter a corresponding procedure with the articles

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58 up to and including 60 of the Charter for the realization of the independence of Curaçao; to start the procedure of changing the Constitution of Curaçao with consultation of the people after the commencement of the articles I and II of the Statute Law amendment Charter in connection with the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles.

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Amigoe.com (English)

[Explanation required on pensions](#)

7 Sep, 2010, 08:19 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — By means of a good explanation on the pension scheme, the Curaçao-delegation will try to remove the Lower Chamber's objections this evening. Island-Council member Zita Jesus-Leito, previously deputy of General and Constitutional Affairs, expects this to succeed as the fuss is due to a number of misunderstandings.

The pension scheme threatens to become one of the most important subjects of the debate, in which State-Secretary of Kingdom Relations, Ank Bijleveld-Schouten informs the Lower Chamber on the Political Steering Committee consultation. The Charter amendment is also on the agenda, although this will be put to the vote on Wednesday. The Lower Chamber wants to introduce a motion in which the governor is requested to rescind the pension scheme. They consider it an attempt to self-enrichment the moment there is money available again because the Netherlands purged the debt.

Jesus-Leito emphasizes that it regards a limited group of approximately twenty Island-Council members in the period from 2000 up to 2010 that had paid their premiums but did not have a pension scheme yet. "It regards a defined group. Many of them have only been an Island-Council member for a short period."

The costs for the pension scheme are estimated at 1.2 million guilders for the period up to 2010, at approximately 350,000 guilders in 2011 and 2010, and slightly more than 400,000 guilders per year in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The pension scheme for States-members is applicable for Island-Council members becoming a States-member for Curaçao after October 10th. Therefore, Jesus-Leito does not expect the Governor will rescind the decision because it is underpinned better and provided with several advices this time.

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Adjournment delays political consultation

7 Sep, 2010, 08:21 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — The consultation of the Political Steering Committee in The Hague is coping with a delay. The meeting was adjourned again at two o'clock in the afternoon – one hour after it had started – which according to a few delegation members was due to the fact that State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) had to attend the Lower Chamber meeting on the deadlocked formation, although according to others because there were still a few bottlenecks.



In the conference room 'Mesday' of the Hilton Hotel in The Hague. From left to right: State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten, Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage and Minister Ersilia de Lannooy.

One of the bottlenecks is supposedly the wish of the Curaçao-delegation to add an item to the agenda, namely the Council decision. Concretely, the delegation wants the autonomy of Curaçao – just like that of Aruba is mentioned explicitly in the Charter, and that Curaçao receives the right to cancel the consensus National Laws unilaterally. The delegation is prepared to discuss this last point after 10-10-'10.

Bijleveld was surprised that the delegation came with additional agenda items during the meeting, as the agenda was determined according to the procedure on Monday. Nevertheless, one viewed the possibility to include the agenda items still.

According to Eunice Eisden of the MAN, this need not be a problem as it regards a basic right that only has to be mentioned explicitly. "The current agreements rather incline towards the direction of status quo."

Also according to Helmin Wiels of Pueblo Soberano, the delegation's proposal is self-explanatory. "There is not a single contract without a cancellation right for the parties," says Wiels. As far as he is concerned, that standpoint should be made clear immediately from the beginning.

St. Maarten

Those involved with the consultation, said that the Plans of Approach for tasks that Curaçao and St. Maarten could not perform independently per 10-10-'10 actually did not require further discussion, although a thing or two should be solved with regard to the plans for the police and legal affairs on St. Maarten. William Marlin, the leader of the St. Maarten delegation, actually did not want to elaborate on that. "We have actually not started the consultation yet. The discussion on subjects which we do not agree on yet, still has to take place", says Marlin. "I am not saying which subjects, while the negotiations are still in progress."

The consultation was adjourned again around six forty-five after the State-Secretary shortly returned for the consultation. With the exception of several officials, the delegation members headed towards the Lower Chamber again for the debate on the political restructuring. Her spokesperson said that she would possibly return for the signing, if the official study groups still reach agreement on the bottlenecks.

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Suspension slows political consultations

September 7, 2010, 14:45 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE - The meetings of the Political Steering Group in The Hague, is facing delays. At two o'clock, one hour after the start, the meeting was again suspended, according to some delegates as Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA), the House of Assembly on the stalled formation should attend, according to others because there are still some bottlenecks were.

One of the problems, the desire of the Curaçao delegation to an item on the agenda to add, that the Council decision. Concretely, the delegation noted that the self determination of the island of Aruba like that is explicitly mentioned in the Statute, Curaçao and the right to get the consensus National Laws to withdraw unilaterally. On that last point, the Delegation best after '10 - 10-10 talk.



In the conference room " Mesdag "of the Hilton in The Hague. From left to right. State Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Shout, Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage and Minister Ersilia de Lannoy

Bijleveld was surprised that the delegation during the meeting with additional agenda items was because the agenda according to the procedure on Monday was found. Yet the ability to view the agenda on how to implement.

According to Eunice Eisdien of MAN need not be a problem, because the fundamental rights, which only need be mentioned explicitly. "The present arrangements tend more towards the status quo."

Also according Helminen Wiels Pueblo Soberano, the proposal of the delegation granted. "There is no contract right without notice to the parties," said Wiels. For him such a position would be made clear right from the start.

St. Maarten

Involved in the discussions said the Plans for tasks that Curaçao and St. Maarten can not independently vested at 10-10 -'10, really no more discussion needed, even if, in regard to plans for police, and Legal Affairs on St. Maarten is still some need to be resolved. The leader of the delegation from St. Maarten, William Marlin, did not really go into it. "We really have not started the dialogue. The discussion on topics where we disagree, has yet to begin," said Marlin. "I'm not the subjects that, while negotiations are still in

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progress."

The dialogue was suspended again around quarter to seven, but shortly after the State had returned for consultation. With the exception of several officials, the delegation members were heading back to the House for debate about the political restructuring. Her spokesman said she may return for signing, as the official working groups have to agree on the bottlenecks. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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[Talk to RTC Antilles, Curacao and St. Maarten](#)

September 7, 2010, 14:28 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG / THE HAGUE - The delegations of the Netherlands Antilles, Curacao and St. Maarten argued last night at the Hilton Hotel in The Hague for a consultation in preparation for the Final Round Table Conference (RTC). First was led by Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage a meeting of the delegation of country Netherlands Antilles with regard to the Political Steering Committee today and the RTC on Thursday, September 9.



Subsequently, the delegations of island Curaçao (led by the deputy of state structures Sheldry Osepa) and St. Maarten (led by commissioner William Marlin of state structures) were postponed for further consultation. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Governors of Curacao and Sint Maarten

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the State Council of Ministers has Frits Goedgedrag (58) nominated as governor of Curaçao. He does this function by October 10, Curaçao as an autonomous country within the Dutch kingdom. Eugene Holiday is nominated as Governor of St. Maarten. He also will take office by October 10.

Behaviour was good in recent years Governor of the Netherlands Antilles. Now the country is being dismantled so he gets the same function in Curacao. The acting governor of the Antilles, Adele van der Pluijm Peace, has the same function in Curacao.

Holiday is director of Princess Juliana Airport on St. Maarten. The current lieutenant governor of the island, Reynold Groenevelt, is acting governor of the new country St. Maarten. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Two of the three coalition parties oppose Constitution

6 Sep, 2010, 08:19 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The Island-Council adopted the Constitution for the country Curaçao last Saturday with fifteen votes in favor and six against. It was very remarkable that two of the three coalition partners, namely MAN and Pueblo Soberano (PS) voted against the proposal.

Opposition parties PAR, PNP, FOL and coalition party MFK voted in favor of the Constitution. This was immediately reason for the opposition to wonder how it was possible that the coalition is to attend the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) in the Netherlands, while two of the three coalition partners do not agree with the document.

It was even more remarkable, that the Island-Council agreed with the proposal from MAN council member Eugene Cleopa not to hold a deliberation. In other words, one had only voted on the Constitution, without the council members receiving any speaking time.

Before Cleopa had come up with the proposal, the Lieutenant Governor Lisa Dindial had given the committee-members the order to come up with a proposal on the speakers' time in the first and second round. This consultation was unsuccessful because the committee could not agree on who was to become the chairman of the committee.

However, the opposition found that no speaking time at all, was out of the question. "Approximately half of the Island-Council consists of new members. The people must hear their standpoint on the Constitution", says PAR council member Glenn Sulvaran. "What's there to hide? It regards a historic event. Is this the democracy we are aiming for?"

According to Cleopa, it was the PAR who had constantly talked about the constitutional train the past years and that the process had to occur with the necessary pace. He found it strange that now of all times, the PAR wants to spend time discussing the Constitution.

Eunice Eisdén, party leader in election and council member for the MAN pointed out that much was said about the Constitution already in the first reading. All parties made their viewpoint clear during the election campaign, and it is only a question of voting, according to Eisdén.

PAR council member David Dick said that it doesn't matter whether one makes use of the speakers' time or not. The issue, according to him, is that one is muzzling the council and he found that a precarious development – something that had never occurred under the PAR-governments.

According to PS-leader and council member Helmin Wiels, the actual issue was to vote as soon as possible because of the many dead bodies waiting in the cupboard. "After the debt-reconstruction, Curaçao awaits a remaining debt of 2 billion guilders. Let's vote quickly so that we can deal with the expecting problems" according to Wiels.

PAR council member Pedro Atacho wondered what the position of the coalition would be with regard to the Constitution and the consensus National Laws. The people have a right to receive an answer regarding this matter, he says.

Eventually, the proposal from Cleopa was adopted with eleven votes in favor and ten against. This was

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then followed by the voting on the Constitution whereby the coalition parties PS and MAN voted against the proposal. As opposition parties PAR, PNP and FOL voted in favor, the Constitution was still adopted with a wide majority of fifteen votes.

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Constitutional affairs obstacle for coalition

By The Daily Herald

Posted: Sep 7, 2010 16:26 UTC

WILLEMSTAD - The constitutional changes taking effect on 10-10-10 were the main stumbling block during hours of negotiating in which the political leaders of MFK, PS and MAN finally reached an agreement on a new Executive Council of Curaçao that can count on the support of 11 of the 21 Island Council members.

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The coalition accord, dubbed "Akuerdo di Alameda," laid the basis for a government during the transition period en route to the new country Curaçao. The Executive Council with six commissioners should be in office for only five weeks.

Agreement had to be reached so there could be a new Executive Council in place on Saturday and because a Curaçao delegation had to leave for the Netherlands on Sunday to have talks within the framework of the final Round Table Conference (RTC) to take place in The Hague on September 9.

It was specifically included in the agreement that the new coalition would govern "together with the people, for the people and in the interest of the entire nation."

The subject of constitutional structure led to considerable discussions between the negotiating parties. PS leader Helmin Wiels felt the new government had no business in the Netherlands and at first stated he could not endorse such a delegation.

This caused considerable tension and even led to an ultimatum by MFK for PS to provide clarity on its participation in government. The parties met for hours and at a certain moment even former prime minister and MAN co-founder Don Martina joined the negotiations.

A compromise was reached, entailing that during the first meeting of the incoming Island Council the new coalition would pass a council decision instructing the delegation in The Hague to seek clarity on a termination regulation for the consensus Kingdom Laws that have meanwhile been proclaimed, to include a procedure in the Kingdom Charter that can lead to the island's independence and to start up a process to change the constitution now on the table after consulting the people in a referendum.

It was initially feared that if the new coalition would not get its way during the RTC in the Netherlands, the delegation might be called back to Curaçao immediately. However, when the new Island Council passed the draft constitution, it was clearly stated that the delegation would sign a final RTC document based on already existing agreements.

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Optimism prevails on RTC despite doubts

6 Sep, 2010, 08:20 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — Delegation members from Curaçao, St. Maarten, Aruba and the Antilles were positively disposed this morning towards the Final Table Conference (RTC) of this Thursday. Everyone expects a good outcome, despite uncertainty on the plans from Curaçao, doubts on the Dutch side whether the islands are ready for the new status, and indignation on the pension schemes.

While representatives of each delegation made last preparations in the Hilton Hotel for the Political Steering Committee, which is to take place tomorrow in that same hotel, Deputy Sheldry Osepa (MFK) of Political Structure had his first meeting with outgoing Premier Jan Peter Balkenende (CDA), Chairman of the RTC. Osepa is to labor for the inclusion of a clear cancellation provision in the consensus National Laws. The Charter is to include the procedure for the independence of the island.

State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) emphasizes that one can always talk about this in the future, but that there is no room for changes during the discussion of this week. "One is only viewing whether the islands are ready. There is a new Board of Governors, but the concluded agreements remain valid. That is also the case when the Netherlands has a new government, otherwise there is no administrative continuity", the member of government explains. PvdA-member Jeroen Recourt endorses this. Ineke van Gent of GroenLinks finds a Curaçao's proposal to amendment even dangerous. "It is extremely risky because if there are changes, there's a large chance the Dutch side will come up adjustments as well. One cannot change the rules during the game. However, one could talk about independence, but let's first finalize this process well."

Party

The representatives of the other delegations are not upset by the contribution of the Curaçao delegation. "There is nothing on the agenda that hasn't been discussed earlier", says Richard Gibson, advisor of St. Maarten. Agreements were made on everything, also on the consensus National Laws. These will be evaluated after five years. If one of the parties wants to change something, then this must occur with the approval of the others. If that approval is not there, the current agreements will remain valid." Gibson says that one even has invitations already for a party on Friday evening. "Something like that is only planned if one is reasonably certain something will be accomplished."

Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage is also confident of a good outcome. "The Island-Council has adopted the Constitution and the organic laws have adopted. We are always very positive, very consistent" according to the Premier.

In the meantime, PDB-leader Jopie Abraham is preparing himself for a hearing with the Committee Netherlands Antillean and Aruban Affairs on Wednesday. He hopes to convince the Lower Chamber of a compensation regulation for the senior citizens (over-60) who will be worse off with the new tax system. He finds the proposal from the VVD to increase the tax rates for the highest incomes worth the consideration, but not the introduction of a 15-percent tax on profits. "It's a total package and one must not tamper with this. The SP supports the tax on profits on the islands so that Curaçao and St. Maarten could introduce this as well. "This will then end the tax paradise."

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Despite doubts about optimism prevails RTC

September 6, 2010, 15:22 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE - Delegation members of Curacao, St. Maarten, Aruba and the Antilles this morning were positive about the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) on Thursday. Everyone expects a good outcome, despite uncertainty about the plans of Curacao, Dutch side to doubt whether the islands are ready for the new status and indignation on retirement.



While representatives of each delegation at the Hilton Hotel last were preparing for the Political Steering Committee tomorrow in the same hotel place, was deputy Sheldry Osepa (MFK) of state structures his first meeting with caretaker Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende (CDA) Chairman of the RTC. Osepa must promote the inclusion of a clear consensus termination provision in the National Laws. The Statute, the procedure as for the independence of the island.

State Secretary Ank Bijleveld - Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) emphasizes that in future always be talking, but that the discussions this week is no room for changes. "There is only whether the islands are ready. A new Executive Board, but the agreements remain in force. That is true as the Netherlands gets a new government. Otherwise there is no administrative continuity, let the government know women.

PvdA Jeroen Récourt shares this view. Ineke van Gent of GroenLinks Curacao is a proposal to amend or even dangerous. "It's awfully dangerous. Because if there are changes, there is a big chance that the Dutch side including all adjustments. You can not during the game the rules change. There can be talked about independence, but first let us complete this process. "

Festival

The contribution of the Curaçao delegation, the representatives of other delegations from their piece. "There is nothing on the agenda that are not discussed earlier, "said Richard Gibson, advisor to St. Maarten. "About everything has been agreed, including the consensus National Laws. These are reviewed after five years. If one party wants to change, then with the consent of the others. that consent is not there, then continue the current arrangements are. " Gibson says there are even calls for a party on Friday night. " Something is only scheduled to be fairly certain that something is achieved. "

Even Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage relies on a good outcome. "The Constitution was adopted by the Island Council and the organic laws were adopted. We are always very positive. Very consistent,"said the prime minister.

PDB leader Willie Abraham preparing now for a hearing on Wednesday with the committee Dutch Antillean and Aruban Affairs. He hopes to persuade the House of a compensation scheme for people

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over sixty who, under the new tax system to deteriorate.

The proposal of the VVD to the tax rates for top earners to increase find it worth considering, but the introduction of corporation tax of 15 percent not. "It's a total package. Since you do not chew. The SP is in favor of the profits tax on the islands of Curacao and St. Maarten as well which then can import. "Then comes an end to the tax haven." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Motion Lower Chamber against pension scheme

6 Sep, 2010, 08:20 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — During the debate on the political restructuring tomorrow evening, the Lower Chamber will introduce a motion to reverse the pension scheme for the Island-Council members. A Chamber majority will almost certainly support the motion.

"I hope that the Governor receives the order to rescind the Island-Council's decision so that a motion is not necessary, but I am already working on this now", says PvdA politician Jeroen Recourt. "This undermines the confidence. It also attests to a very bad feeling for timing to adopt this at the last moment, while so much money is needed for other matters on the island. Everyone, to whom I speak with on this matter, agrees with me."

"Outrageous", says Ronald van Raak of the SP. "It is disgraceful that after the Netherlands took over one and a half billion euros on debts, the government of Curaçao realizes there is money available and gives itself an ample pension – not only ample according to Antillean, but also to Dutch standards. The new politicians are also guilty of self-enrichment" according to Van Raak.

Also Ineke van Gent of GroenLinks does not have a good word to say about the Island-Council's decision. "This is shameful as regards governance. While we are dotting the last i's and crossing the t's, they still attempt to arrange something for themselves – as if it's the last chance to still do this." The Lower Chamber also objected in 2007 and 2007, when the Island-Council took similar decisions. At the time, the governor had declared the decision invalid after intervention of the Antillean government.

The motion need not have any consequences for the other discussions as each party views this in their own way. For the PvdA, the pension scheme is exactly a sign that the political restructuring is a good case because now there is better control on the financial management of the islands. "However, the precise text of the motion is not ready yet", says Recourt.

For the SP, the pension scheme is the umpteenth example that the islands are still not ready, but one does not necessarily have to connect this with the political restructuring. For that matter, on Tuesday Van Raak will suggest to cancel the RTC and hold an emergency consultation instead. "There's a crisis in the Kingdom, both in the Netherlands and in the Antilles. I have always said we were not ready yet", says Van Raak.

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House vote against pension

September 6, 2010, 15:19 (-04:00 GMT)

THE HAGUE - The (Dutch) House is tomorrow night, the debate about the political restructuring, a motion to the pension plan for Island Council members to reverse. The motion will almost certainly supported by a parliament majority.

by our correspondent Otti Thomas

" I hope the governor is instructed to destroy the Island Council Decision, so that a motion is not necessary, but I 'm already doing it, "said (Dutch) Labour Party politician Jeroen Recourt. " This undermines trust. It also testifies to a very bad sense of timing to it at the last minute to adopt, while much money is needed for other things on the island. Everyone I speak about it with me. "

" Scandalous, "says Ronald van Raak of SP. "It is outrageous that the government of Curacao, Netherlands after a half billion in debt has taken over, sees that there is money in the treasury and give themselves a generous pension. Not only pleasant to the Antilles but also by Dutch standards. The new politicians are guilty of self-enrichment, "Van Tap.

Also Ineke van Gent Party showed no good to say about the decision of the Island. ' This administration is embarrassing. While we dot the i in the set are still trying to arrange something for themselves. If it were the last chance to do yet. "

In 2007 and 2008, when the Island Council took similar decisions, the House was also questioned. At that time the governor said the decision was unlawful following the intervention of the Antillean government.

The motion does not need to affect the other talks, because each party has their own way to watch. For the PvdA, the pension plan is a sign that the political restructuring is a good thing because there is better control over the financial affairs of the islands. "But the exact wording of the motion was not ready, "says Recourt.

For the SP scheme is another example that the islands are not ready, but does not necessarily linked to the political restructuring in order to expose. Touch of Tuesday will also propose that the RTC to cancel and instead to hold an emergency consultation. ' The crisis in the Kingdom, both the Netherlands and the Antilles. I 've always said that we are not ready, " says Van Tap. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (St. Maarten)

[William leaves to attend final RTC in The Hague](#)

by The Daily Herald Posted: Sep 6, 2010 11:56 UTC

PHILIPSBURG - Constitutional Affairs Commissioner (for Sint Maarten) William Marlin left for The Hague on Sunday to attend the final Kingdom Political Steering Group PSG meeting and the final Round Table Conference (RTC) – the last steps in the quest for country-within-the-Dutch-Kingdom status for St. Maarten.

The date for country status is set for 10-10-10, but this week's meetings will determine exactly how ready St. Maarten and Curaçao are for their new status. Both islands completed on Saturday compliance with the criteria set by the Dutch Government as the yardstick by which their readiness will be judged.

The Island Council of St. Maarten adopted on Saturday the final organic law that stems from articles in the Constitution of Country St. Maarten. On the same day the Curaçao Island Council passed its country constitution on its second try.

Speaking in the Island Council, Marlin said the St. Maarten delegation would comprise opposition Democratic Party (DP) leader/former constitutional affairs commissioner Sarah Wescot-Williams, Project Director for Country St. Maarten Dennis Richardson, and advisors Eugene Holiday and Richard Gibson Sr.

Wescot-Williams will depart on Tuesday and will reach The Hague in time for the RTC on Thursday. Richardson is already in The Hague for preparatory meetings and in the meantime has been joined by Holiday and Gibson Sr.

Marlin said that as soon as he landed in the Netherlands on Monday he would go to the final PSG meeting with the Dutch, Netherlands Antilles, and Curaçao governments. The Dutch Second Chamber has its last debate on Tuesday on the change to the Kingdom Charter that brings the two new countries into being.

Marlin referred to the final RTC as "more of a ceremonial closure" when the final decision on the country status will be signed off on.

National Alliance (NA) Island Councilman Rodolphe Samuel had questioned what would happen to St. Maarten's quest should the new Curaçao government decide it no longer wanted to continue with the constitutional change process as is.

Marlin replied that a change of mind on Curaçao's part would pose a problem for St. Maarten, but the local delegation would stand firm that St. Maarten's people had waited 10 years for country status voted for in the June 23, 2000, referendum. "St. Maarten has put everything in motion and the people of St. Maarten expect we will become country on 10-10-10. There is no turning back. Where will we be turning back to?"

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He pointed out that some Central Government tasks had been transferred to St. Maarten already and others were in the process of being transferred, together with Central Government personnel. Should Curaçao pull out of the process, the Dutch Government will have "to make provisions for Curaçao to be governed until they make up their mind."

"I don't want to spend too much energy or time on this. I don't want to make it St. Maarten's problem. We have negotiated in good faith. We hope to return home with the documents that grant St. Maarten country status," Marlin said.

Country status, he reminded the population, is "not the end of the road. It is a new beginning. It's like a baby just born, but with knowledge and experience and still more to learn to grow into a healthy and strong nation."

Marlin thanked all Island Council members who had served during the past 10 years, and civil servants and advisory teams that had been integral to the preparation for country status. He also thanked the media for providing information to the public on the constitutional change process.

Samuel asked Marlin to list the names of members of the delegation to The Hague, because he wanted to know whether "certain" party leaders who were vying to become the first prime minister of Country St. Maarten in the early Island Council elections on September 17 were also part of the delegation.

Of the four parties in the election race, DP and NA are represented in the delegation. The other two parties in the race are Concordia Political Alliance (CPA) led by Jeffrey Richardson and United People's (UP) party headed by Commissioner Theo Heyliger.

Heyliger is the only one eligible to be part of the delegation, as he is an independent member of the Island Council, thus considered a separate faction/party. However, he declared at his party's public meeting on Kim Sha Beach that he was "not invited to go to Holland."

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Curacao to agree on changes

Published : September 6, 2010 - 3:58 pm | by [Editors Caribiana](#) ([photo : Miriam Sluis](#))

The new government of Curaçao to the final Round Table Conference (RTC) agree on future changes. But deputy Sheldrey Osepa for Constitutional Affairs will not renegotiate the already made arrangements for the new status for the island. Elzinga constitutional expert says that changes no longer possible.

A large delegation from Curacao in the Netherlands has arrived for the RTC on Thursday, September 9 in The Hague. Here is the final decision on lifting the Antillean is linked to upcoming October 10th (10/10/2010). The last hurdle before the RTC was taken Saturday when the Island of Curaçao the Constitution for the new country assumed.

Cancellation law

There was much discussion about the counsel for the autonomy of Curacao Netherlands towards stronger protection. The RTC, the procedure be established for changing the consensus called for federal laws and "legal notice", the island that opens the door to changes in the agreed terms or even independence.

PAR now in opposition, made a big point of the possibility of independence. But according Osepa indicates no danger for the process to the status of land for Curacao: "We are not in The Hague." He is confident that the partners in the Kingdom to accept the position of Curaçao.

No change

Constitutional Scholar Douwe Elzinga provides little problems in the RTC : "That has a political function to the process proper conclusion." Adjustment of legal regulations can not compete anymore, because that partners will not accept. To meet the needs of the island will respond to "be creative tricks" to remember. Netherlands may be reluctant to apply the control or establish a study committee. "But a change in the consensus federal laws will not come now." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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SXM Island Time (St. Maarten)

Curacao has new government

Written by Andre Huie

Monday, 06 September 2010 22:06

www.sxmislandtime.com



PHILIPSBURG, Willemstad - Curacao has a new government accepting the constitution for the island.

Fifteen votes went for the constitution and six against with an interesting spin—five of the 11 members who are supporting the new government voted for the constitution, six voted against it needing the help of the opposition benches to achieve the necessary 15 votes.

Gonzalo Cuales from Z-86 radio in Willemstad said the parties that voted against were entitled to vote against the resolution.

This is strange as the coalition is divided along the issue.

"The new commissioner in charge of constitutional affairs...said he is going to Holland and he is not going to stand in the way for Curacao to have its birth as a country," Cuales said.

"But he said if what he has to sign is not in accordance to his belief, he will not sign."

Cuales said if Curacao does not sign, it does not change anything but it would be interesting to see if this would affect the constitutional process of St. Maarten and the BES Islands.

"These are interesting days," Cuales said, adding that the right to stop the consensus laws will be subject to discussion at the Round Table Conference.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

Curaçao gets new Executive Council

MONDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2010 01:27



Constitution passed

WILLEMSTAD--Between midnight Friday and Saturday night, Curaçao got a new MFK/PS/MAN Executive Council, the draft constitution for the future country was passed and the incoming Island Council took a decision to participate in Thursday's Round Table Conference (RTC) on the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles effective 10-10-10.

The new coalition of MFK (five seats), PS (four seats) and MAN (two seats) had still seemed in doubt up to Friday evening after critical statements from PS leader Helmin Wiels.

However, the three parties got together at the faction offices of the Antillean Parliament at Wilhelmina Plaza and reached an agreement shortly after midnight, which they dubbed "Akuerdo di Alameda" (as the square in Punda is popularly known).

The newly elected Island Council took office on Saturday and appointed six members of the Executive Council: MFK three, PS two and MAN one. For MFK, Jacintha Constancia (ex-FOL) became Commissioner of Public Health & Social Affairs, businessman Rudney "Ons" Garmes became Commissioner of Tourism & Economic Affairs and attorney Sheldry "Michael" Osepa became Commissioner of General Affairs & Constitutional Structure.

For PS, Ivar Asjes (ex-PLKP) became Commissioner of Finance and former "Kas di Kultura" director Rene Rosalia became Commissioner of Education, Culture & Sports. For MAN, political leader Charles Cooper became Commissioner of Infrastructure.

Parties also decided Kenneth Gijsbertha (MAN) would become acting Lt. Governor, Dean Rozier (MFK) chairman of the Central Committee and Eugene Cleopa (MAN) acting chairman.

That MKF-leader Gerrit Schotte, PS-leader Wiels and Eunice Eisdien, who headed the MAN-list in

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the recent election, are not part of the Executive Council may have to with the fact one can no longer be commissioner and member of the Island Council at the same time.

This is because the latter is to become the first Parliament of country Curaçao and -as is the case with the current Antillean Government- future members of the Council of Ministers won't be able to occupy a seat in the legislature based on the separation of powers ("Trias Politica").

The first meeting of the new Executive Council took longer than expected and the second session of the incoming Island Council to deal with the constitution did not start until 8:00pm.

In the end it was approved with 15 votes for and six against, with MFK voting in favour of the draft along with now opposition parties PAR (eight seats), FOL (one) and PNP (one), while its coalition partners PS and MAN rejected it.

From that moment it was also clear a delegation would travel to The Hague on Sunday for deliberations ahead of the September 9 RTC. Before the latter takes place, the Kingdom Council of Ministers is still to meet while the Second Chamber of Dutch Parliament must approve the execution of the amended Kingdom Charter so the new relations can take effect.

However, the new MFK/PS/MAN coalition with its minimal 11-10 majority also passed a so-called Island Council decision confirming participation in the RTC, but instructing its delegation to come to agreement with the other Kingdom partners on a clear regulation to terminate the Kingdom consensus laws and on including -possibly in the Kingdom Charter- a procedure for the island to become independent.

The decision also calls for the start of a process to change the now approved constitution with a public consultation (referendum) after country Curaçao is born.

Also approved without a vote during the meeting was the statute for the new Central Bank Curaçao and St. Maarten are to share, along with a joint currency to be called "Caribbean guilder."

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Curacao Island Council Approves Constitution Good

Published : September 5, 2010 - 10:49 am | by [Miriam Sluis](#) ([Photo: Prince Victor](#))

On Curaçao, the Constitution adopted by a simple majority in the island. The new island that Saturday September 4 was installed, customized around ten o'clock in the evening with 15 members to 6, the constitution for the new country of Curaçao.

MFK parties, PAR, FOL and PNP voted in favor, while PS and MAN a "no" vote. After the Constitution was one of the new government coalition of Movementu Futuro Korsou (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS) and proposed decree adopted MAN.

Ordination

This binding document gives the new Curacao commissioner of political affairs, Sheldry Osepa, the contract to participate in the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) on September 9 in The Hague, where he has a clear termination clause in the consensus federal laws should ensure the inclusion. Now the consensus federal laws, after an evaluation in 2015, once every two years.

Also given the mandate to Osepa at the RTC in a Statute with existing items " to include appropriate procedure for achieving the independence of Curaçao. In Curaçao itself should also be initiated proceedings to amend the recently adopted Constitution, including a referendum on the proposed changes.

" First signs of dictatorship "

Especially the proposed procedure for achieving the independence of the island met with much resistance from opposition parties PAR, which the new administration a hidden agenda to independence accused. According to PAR - Island Councilman David Dick denoted that "the first signs of dictatorship. "

According MAN commissioner Charles Cooper, however, involves the procedure same as at the entrance to the separate status of Aruba in 1986 is included in the Statute. PS leader Wiels sees this so-called termination right opportunity to Curaçao may decide on Higher monitor from the Netherlands to the police and prison.

Ultimately, the counsel about two hours at night, by 11 votes to 10 votes against, adopted by the island. Curacao delegation departs Sunday, September 5 Osepa led to the Netherlands for the RTC, where the political agreement on the abolition of the Antilles is linked by October 10, 2010 should be ratified.

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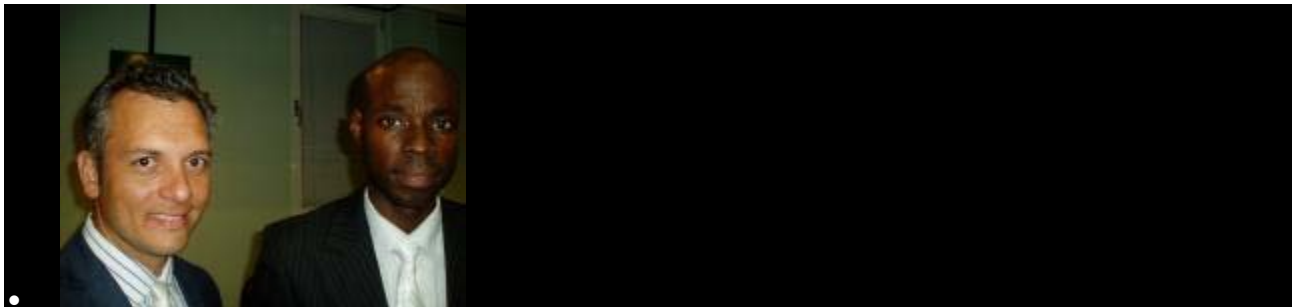
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Adoption of the Constitution in Curacao island was a precondition. In June the new constitution obtained the required two-thirds majority, making the island had to be dissolved and elections were held on August 27th. It was an island board of MFK, PS and MAN.

Criticisms

Now the Constitution is still adopted, would open the way for the RTC. PAR opposition party argues that the decree was an attempt by the coalition for the political process to delay or to postpone for years.

According Osepa it is not the intention that the new constitutional status of autonomous country within the kingdom to boycott, but rather to continue to criticize the former PAR - negotiated agreements with the Netherlands government. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)



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Curacao Island Council Approves Constitution Good

3:06 p.m. Sunday, September 5, 2010 |

Source : RNWO |



Gerrit Schotte (MFK) and sitting Helminen Wiels (PS)

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IslandCouncil Votes for Constitution

2:01 p.m. Sunday, September 5, 2010 | Source : Press Office Curacao |

PHILIPSBURG - The Island has new Saturday night the controversial Constitution was adopted by 15 votes to 6. Following the adoption of this " Constitution for Curaçao, the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, which next week in The Hague conference is scheduled to continue on.

MFK, PAR, PNP and FOL voted for, voted against PS and MAN. The Constitution was not a half in June required two-thirds majority, so the island was dissolved and elections took place last week.

Thursday is the final in the Hague Round Table Conference held. In addition, the dismantling of the Antilles are confirmed, Curacao and St. Maarten are then autonomous country within the Kingdom, a status that Aruba has been since 1986. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are special municipalities of the Netherlands.

Tonight, the new Island Council also decided that the delegation to the Round Table Conference instructed to give more autonomy for the future country, relative to Curacao in the Netherlands. The new coalition of MFK, MAN PS, and criticizes the fact that the consensus federal laws that regulate the supervision from the Netherlands in areas such as Finance, Justice and the prison, have no timing and so on to infinity can be extended.

In addition, the coalition started a process to the newly adopted Constitution to change. To change must precede a referendum. The old ruling party PAR, now condemned to the opposition complains that the new Board of Governors to have a hidden agenda, leading to total independence for Curacao, outside the kingdom. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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US Consulate Weekly News

Kingdom – Round Table Conference Goes On As Planned on Sept. 9

The Movement for the Future of Curacao (MFK) and all the opposition parties PAR, Workers' Front Party (FOL) and the National Party (PNP) voted in favor of the new Curacao Constitution (15-6) which was a mandatory step in the Netherlands Antilles dismantling process. Coalition partners Sovereign Party (PS), and MAN voted against. Island Commissioner Sheldry Osepa and his team are in the Netherlands in preparation for the RTC.

The Dutch opposition Freedom Party (PVV) and the Socialist Party (SP) want to call off the RTC, because they believe the future Antilles are not ready yet.

There is no room for new negotiations, Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten said, after Curaçao's new MFK/MAN/ PS coalition left for the Netherlands with an amended wish list. "All Kingdom Consensus Laws have been approved by the Dutch Parliament and that is it." She made clear there is nothing to re-negotiate. "If Curacao wants to change things, they will have to deal with the new Dutch Government. We can always talk about independence, if that is a wish of any of our Kingdom partners, but after the new Kingdom constellation is established. (Various media)

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao – U.S. Consulate Congratulates New Curacao Government

The United States Consulate General congratulates the political parties MFK, PS, and MAN on forming a new Curacao Island coalition. Curacao's successful election demonstrates the strength of Curacao's democratic institutions. The United States looks forward to strengthening its relationship with Curacao as a trusted ally and friend. The United States will continue to support the ongoing efforts of the Curacao people to build a secure and flourishing island. (Various media)

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

New composition 'last ' Island

7:58 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2010 | Source : Press Office Curacao



PHILIPSBURG - Vanaochtend is so can be said with some certainty, the last Island Council of the Island Territory of Curaçao formally sworn. New Island Council has a large number of new members, but also several former members will continue their political work in this 'last ' Island Council.

The PAR has, famously, the largest group, with eight seats. Here are five seats in the MFB, the PS and the four- man with two, while FOL and PNP each have a seat. In this new Island Council members may not be members of the Executive Board.

The following council members will not return in the new council :

- Nelson Pierre and Farley Hernandez (NPA)
- Gregory Damoen (FK)
- Koeiman Hensley, Charles Cooper and Urvin Macaye (MAN)
- Gimena van der Gen (PNP)
- Remco Gomez, Stephen Walroud and Nico Cornelisse (PAR)
- independent member Norbert George

Existing members who are in the new council will be returned are:

- Eugene Cleopa (MAN)
- Anthony Godett (FOL)
- Humphrey Davelaar (PNP)
- Dennis Jackson, Zita Jesus - Leito, Marilyn Alcala - Walle and Anthony Hollander (PAR)
- Helminen Wiels (PS)
- independent member Gerrit Schotte (MFK)

New members in the Island :

- Glenn Sulvaran, Pedro Atacho, David Dick and Cecilia Malvina (PAR).
- Lionel Jackson, Melvin Cijntje and police inspector Jaime Córdoba (PS).
- Jorge Jamaloodin, Gilmar ' Pik ' Pisas, Dean and Monique Felida Rozier (MFK).

(Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao – MFK, MAN, and PS Form New Coalition

Movement for the Future of Curacao (MFK), MAN, and the Sovereign Party (PS) signed a coalition agreement last Friday. MFK (5 seats), PS (4 seats) and MAN (2 seats) have 11 seats in the 21-seat Island Parliament. The inauguration ceremonies for the new Island parliamentarians and Island Commissioners took place on Saturday.

Island Parliamentarians

PAR – Glenn **Sulvaran**
Marilyn **Alcala-Walle**
Zita **Jesus-Leito**
Pedro **Atacho**
David **Dick**
Anthony **Hollander**
Malvina **Cecilia**
Dennis **Jackson**
MFK – Gerrit **Schotte**
Jorge **Jamaloodin**
Gilmar **Pisas**
Monique **Koeijers-Felida**
PS – Helmin **Wiels**
Lionel **Jansen**
Jaime **Cordoba**
Melvin **Cijntje**
MAN – Eunice **Eisden**
Eugene **Cleopa**
PNP – Humprey **Davelaar**
FOL – Anthony **Godett**

Island Commissioners

MFK – Jacintha **Constantia** – Public Health and Social Affairs
Rudney **Garmes** – Economic Affairs
Sheldry **Osepa** – Constitutional Affairs
PS – Ivar **Asjes** – Finance and Tourism
Rene **Rosalia** – Education, Sports, and Culture

MAN – Charles **Cooper** - Infrastructure

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Amigoe.com (English)

New faces in MFK-party

4 Sep, 2010, 07:59 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The largest coalition party – the Movementu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK) – in the Island-Council mainly consists of new faces, apart from its political leader Gerrit Schotte. From left to right in the picture: Dean Rozier, Jorge Jamaloodin, Schotte, Monique Koeijers-Felida, and Gilmar 'Pik' Pisas.



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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

New BC talking about political process

7:50 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2010 | Source : Press Office Curacao |



PHILIPSBURG - After installing the new Island is the new executive committee, consisting of the parties MFK, PS and MAN for the first meeting. During this first meeting discussed the political structure and the journey of a delegation from Curaçao to the Netherlands tomorrow.

The first meeting of the new Executive Board took place this morning after six new commissioners were sworn in during a public meeting. The new commissioner of the constitutional structure Sheldry Osepa (MFK), the Island at the meeting this afternoon will be aware, plans for the new Board of Governors in the political field.

MFK - Councillor Gerrit Schotte said after his installation, the new coalition wants to do different things mainly. He has also expressed an agreement with authorities in the Netherlands. During those discussions, according to the MFK leader has become clear that changes in the agreements with the Netherlands would be possible. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Curaçao has new BC

4 Sep, 2010, 08:02 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — After hours of negotiating, the political leaders of the parties MFK, PS and MAN reached an agreement last night at quarter past twelve on a new Board of Governors that can count on the support of 11 of the 21 council members. The agreement, which was named 'Akuerdo di Alameda', lays the basis for a Board of Governors (BC) of Curaçao that should lead to the intervening period en route to a new country Curaçao.



The new Board of Governors has six deputies. This BC will have to stay on for five weeks. MFK provides three deputies as the largest party. Former FOL-member Jacintha Constancia returns as deputy and will be entrusted with the portfolio of Public Health and Social Affairs.

Entrepreneur Rudney 'Ons' Garmes is in charge of Economical Affairs, while lawyer Sheldry 'Michael' Osepa is entrusted with Political Structure.

The PS provides their new deputies with two 'familiar faces' in the BC that is to start today. In this it regards former PLKP deputy Ivar Asjes, who will be entrusted with Finances, while former director of Kas di Kultura René Rosalia will become the new deputy of Education, Sports and Culture. Charles Cooper will return as deputy on behalf of the MAN. He will be in charge of the post Infrastructure again. During the negotiations, one also discussed that Kenneth Gijdbërtha would be entrusted with the post of ad interim Lieutenant Governor. Dean Rozier will become Chairman of the Central Committee on behalf of MFK, and MAN-member Eugene Cleopa will become vice-chairperson.

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The agreement of yesterday was amongst others motivated by the fact that there had to a BC today and that a Curaçao delegation had to leave for the Netherlands on Sunday to have talks within the framework of the Final Round Table Conference that is to take place on September 9th in The Hague. The BC that is to start today, is therefore viewed by the parties as a transitional BC that is to clear the way for the country Curaçao. It was specifically included in the agreement that the new government would govern 'together with the people, for the people and in the interest of the entire nation'.



MFK-party leader Gerrit Schotte (left) and PS-frontman Helmin Wiels during yesterday's talks

The subject of political structure caused considerable discussion yesterday between the negotiating parties. PS-leader Helmin Wiels found that the new BC had no business in the Netherlands and stated he could not endorse such. This caused considerable tension and even an ultimatum from the MFK to the PS to provide clarity on their government participation.

The parties had met in the party-offices of the States yesterday afternoon at three o'clock for a consultation. This meeting eventually lasted until late in the evening. At a certain moment, former premier and MAN-celebrity Don Martina also joined the negotiations that were concluded late in the evening.

It was agreed that during the council meeting this afternoon, the parties would present a council decision, in which they will demand that Curaçao receives the cancellation right for both the Charter and the consensus National Laws, which have meanwhile been proclaimed. The agreement between the negotiating parties is that if they do not get their way during the RTC in the Netherlands, they will return to Curaçao immediately.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Curaçao has a new BC

September 4, 2010, 14:53 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - After hours of negotiations, political leaders of the parties MFK, and PS MAN last night at a quarter past midnight an agreement on a new Executive Board, on support from 11 of the 21 council members can count. The agreement, known as " Alameda Akuerdo di " inherited, provides the basis for a BC that will lead Curacao in the intermediate to a new country Curacao.

The new Executive Board has six deputies.

This BC will have five weeks to continue. MFK provides three deputies as the largest party. Former FOL member Jacintha Constancia returns as deputy and will be responsible for the portfolio of Health and Social Affairs. Entrepreneur Rudney 'Our ' Economy Garmes will get under him, while lawyer Sheldry "Michael Osepa with state structures will be taxed.



Curaçao has a new Island Council. The 21 new council members were sworn morning. PAR with its eight seats the largest group, followed by the MFK with five, four with the PS and the man with two, while FOL and PNP each have a seat in the new council. In the photo a snapshot of the inauguration of the new Island Council members.

The PS delivers with two " old faces " its new deputies in the BC today to take office. These are former deputy PLKP - Ivar Asjes, who will be responsible for Finance. As former director of Kas di Kultura René Rosalia new commissioner of Education, Sports and Culture will be. For the MAN goes down as deputy Charles Cooper. He will turn the heading of infrastructure is given below. During the negotiations, also agreed that Kenneth Gijsbertha the post of acting lieutenant governor will be taxed. Chairman of the Central Commission on behalf of MFK will be Dean Rozier. Vice - Chairman will be MAN - member Eugene Cleopa.

The agreement reached yesterday is also motivated by the fact that there is now a BC had and that Sunday Curaçao delegation to the Netherlands to travel for consultations in the framework of the Final Round Table Conference on September 9 in The Hague will take place. The BC takes office today by the parties are seen as a transitional BC, which pave the way for the country of Curaçao. The agreement specifically state that the new government " with the people, for the people and in the interest of the entire population " will start operating.

The subject of political structure was yesterday prompted much discussion between the negotiating parties. PS leader Helminen Wiels found the new BC had no business in the Netherlands and had made it not to vote. It caused a lot of tension and even an ultimatum to the MFK for the PS to clarify its public participation.

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Yesterday afternoon, the parties to three hours in the afternoon together for a group interview in the offices of the States. This meeting would continue well into the evening. Even former Prime Minister and MAN - Thurs celebrity Martina moved at some point in the negotiations, which were completed late in the evening.

It was agreed by the parties at the council meeting this afternoon will present a decree, which it will require that the notice Curacao eligible to receive both the Staff and the consensus National Laws, which have now been promulgated.

The agreement between the negotiating parties is that if they in the Netherlands during the RTC not get their way, they will travel directly back to Curaçao. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)



Negotiations for the agreement between the parties of Alameda MFK, PS yesterday and MAN took a lot of time. From three hours in the afternoon were the parties with few interruptions to the negotiating table. Only at a quarter past twelve at night were the various leaders their signatures under the document. In the photo MFK leader Gerrit Schotte talking to PS leader Helminen Wiels during the negotiations yesterday.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

New Island and BC certified

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Curacao Island has a new and a new Executive Board. Saturday September 4 21 Island Council Members were installed and six deputies sworn in, after just after midnight in the nick of a management agreement was signed by the parties Movementu Korsou Futuro (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS) and MAN. The three parties have 11 of the 21 seats in the island.

The new deputies for MFK are Jacinta Constancia, and Rudney Garmers Sheldry Osepa and PS Ivar Asjes and René Rosalia, while MAN Charles Cooper was sworn. After installation, the island sitting suspended until Saturday, when dealing with the Constitution again at issue.

Wiels to the Netherlands

The new BC Is hard for a new Constitution, preceded by a referendum, and the inclusion of the termination right in the final document of the forthcoming final Round Table Conference. In return is PS leader Helminen Wiels for the RTC to The Hague to stop the points to argue.

The MFK - PS - MAN board agreed that all three parties in good faith for the new constitution to vote. Thereafter, the new Board of Governors immediately launch a process to a new Constitution to introduce the document to be treated Saturday to replace.

"We have, "said PS leader Wiels Helminen, "with the Constitution in the last government has presented a historic opportunity lost to make things right. If Pueblo Soberano we do against this constitution and we have also maintained during the negotiations on the management agreement. " Before a new Constitution will be first a referendum be held on the bottlenecks, as earlier this week was suggested by MFK leader Gerrit Schotte.

Legal notice

Another point in negotiations between the three parties, the sovereignty of Curacao, anchored in the legal notice of the Statute. Netherlands and Aruba have that right, that will enable such countries to the federal laws on police and prison to decide. The new Curaçao Board recommends that this legal notice shall be included in the final document of the lock - RTC on September 9, where the political events of recent years will be reviewed.

Large RTC delegation

Following the meeting on the island Constitution travels a great Sunday Curaçao delegation to The Hague for the slot- RTC. Wiels also goes to The Hague. Earlier he declared himself firmly opposed to attending the RTC. "It must, "says Wiels, " because you are the best you can defend their own points, and press submit. " (Trnaslated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Newly installed Executive Board

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PHILIPSBURG - This afternoon in the Ansinghstraat a new Executive Board installed. This happened shortly after installing a new Island.

After hours of negotiations, political leaders of the parties MFK, and PS MAN last night at a quarter past midnight an agreement on a new Executive Board, on support from 11 of the 21 council members can count. The agreement, known as " Alameda Akuerdo di " inherited, provides the basis for an Executive Council, Curacao in the intermediate leading to a new country Curacao.

The new Executive Board has six delegates and will have five weeks to continue. Gerrit Schotte of the MFK 's largest party supplies three deputies : Jacintha Constancia (ex - FOL) returns as deputy and will be responsible for Health and Social Affairs. Entrepreneur Rodney Garmes Economic Affairs will get under him, while with attorney Sheldry Osepa political structure will be taxed. of the Pueblo Soberano Helminen Wiels provides two deputies : Ivar Asjes (ex - PLKP) Finance and René Rosalia for Education, Sport and Culture. For the MAN goes down as deputy Charles Cooper. He will turn the heading of infrastructure is given below.

Yesterday 's agreement came about after mediation by former Prime Minister and MAN - celebrity Martina Thurs. Just yesterday, it appeared that the parties could not agree on the role of the new BC in The Hague, where a delegation to travel to Curacao discussions in the context of the Final Round Table Conference on September 9 will place.

It was agreed by the parties at the council meeting this afternoon will present a decree, which it will require that the notice Curacao eligible to receive both the Staff and the consensus National Laws, which have now been promulgated. The agreement between the negotiating parties is that if they in the Netherlands during the RTC not get their way, they will travel directly back to Curaçao.

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Amigoe.com (English)

New BC discusses political structure

4 Sep, 2010, 08:01 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The new Board of Governors of the parties MFK, PS and MAN met for the first time today around noon. The main issue during this first meeting regards the political structure and a Curaçao delegation leaving for the Netherlands tomorrow.

The first BC-meeting took place after the six new deputies were sworn in this morning during a public meeting. The meeting was then adjourned for the first meeting of the Board of Governors. During this first meeting, the BC will be further informed on the current status of affairs in the political field. The intention is that afterwards – during the continuation of the council meeting at four o'clock this afternoon – the new deputy of Political Structure, Heldry Osepa will inform the Island-Council on the plans from the new BC in the political field.

During the past days, officials from the island-territory gave various presentations to representatives of parties that are a part of the new coalition. From these presentations, the coalition parties got the impression that a mountain of matters still have to be dealt with before the new political status for Curaçao could start per 10-10-'10. During his intervention in the Island-Council this morning, MFK council member Gerrit Schotte emphasized that the new coalition especially wants to handle matters differently.

According to Schotte in this connection, one deliberated with authorities in the Netherlands yesterday.

According to the MFK-leader, during these discussions it became clear that adjustments are possible. In this connection, Schotte criticized the former BC, who was not prepared to listen to criticism from the society and the opposition parties.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

New BC debating political structure

September 4, 2010, 14:51 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The new Executive Board of the parties MFK, PS and MAN is today around noon for the first meeting. Central during this first meeting is the subject of political structure and the journey of a delegation from Curaçao to the Netherlands tomorrow.

The first BC meeting took place after the six new deputies this morning at a public meeting were sworn. After this the meeting was suspended for the first meeting of the Executive Board. During this first meeting, the BC also informed about the current state of affairs in the political field. It is envisaged that hereafter, during the continuation of the council for four hours in the afternoon, the new commissioner of the constitutional structure Sheldry Osepa Island informed will make the plans of the new BC political field.

In recent days, officials of the island territory several presentations to representatives of parties who are part of the new coalition. From these presentations is the coalition parties the impression that a whole pile of things yet to be completed before the new constitutional status for Curaçao by '10 - 10-10 to start.

During his intervention in the Island this morning stressed MFK - Councillor Gerrit Schotte, the new business coalition wants to do above all else. Yesterday, in this context, consultations, Schotte, according to authorities in the Netherlands. During those discussions, according to the MFK leader became clear that adjustments would be possible. Schotte criticized in this context, the previous BC not been willing to go to criticism from civil society and opposition parties to listen. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Farewell and welcome for council members

4 Sep, 2010, 08:01 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The last Island-Council of the island-territory Curaçao was officially sworn in this morning. The Island-Council has numerous new members, while several former members paid their respects. The current Island-Council members are replacing the council that was formed per July 1st 2007.

In the new Island-Council, the PAR has the largest party with eight seats, followed by the MFK with five seats, the PS with four, and the MAN with two, while FOL and PNP each have one seat. There's a new stipulation that Island-Council members may no longer be a member of the Board of Governors. The departing council-members performed their last task this morning, namely the approval of their successors. A large part of the sitting Island-Council members will not return in the new council. In this it regards Nelson Pierre and Farley Hernandez (NPA), Gregory Damoen (FK), Hensley Koeiman, Charles Cooper and Urvin Macaay (MAN), Gimena van der Gen (PNP), the PAR-members Remco Gomez, Stephen Walroud and Nico Cornelisse, and independent member Norbert George.

The members who will return in the new council are Eugene Cleopa (MAN), Anthony Godett (FOL), Humphrey Davelaar (PNP), Dennis Jackson, Zita Jesus-Leito, Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé and Anthony Hollander (PAR), Helmin Wiels (PS), while independent member Gerrit Schotte will now function as leader of the new political movement MFK in the Island-Council.

New members can be found amongst others with the PAR, namely Glenn Sulvaran, Pedro Atacho, David Dick and Malvina Cecilia. The party of the PS is reinforced with Lionel Jansen, Melvin Cijntje and police inspector Jaime Córdoba. Besides party-leader Gerrit Schotte, the MFK-party will consist of Jorge Jamaloodin, Gilmar 'Pik' Pisas, Dean Rozier and Monique Felida.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Farewell and welcome for council

September 4, 2010, 14:52 (UTC -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The last of the Island Territory of Curaçao island was officially sworn in this morning. The Island has many new members, while several old members will emerge. The current Island replaced the board members by July 1, 2007 which took office.

The new PAR Island has the largest group, with eight seats. Here are five seats in the MFK, the PS and the four- man with two, while FOL and PNP each have a seat in the new Island. New Island is that Councillors are not members of the Executive Board could be more. This morning the outgoing council members had their last job, which is the approval of their successors. Much of the current Island Council members will not return in the new council. These are Nelson and Pierre Farley Hernandez (NPA), Gregory Damoen (FK), Koeiman Hensley, Charles Cooper and Urvin Macaye (MAN), Gimena van der Gen (PNP), the PAR members Remco Gomez, Stephen Walroud and Nico Cornelisse and independent member Norbert George.

The members that were in the new council will return to Eugene Cleopa (MAN), Anthony Godett (FOL), Humphrey Davelaar (PNP), Dennis Jackson, Zita Jesus - Leito, Marilyn Alcala - Walle and Anthony Hollander (PAR), Helminen Wiels (PS), while independent member Gerrit Schotte now as leader of the new political movement MFK in the Island will operate.

New members can be found in the PAR include : Glenn Sulvaran, Pedro Atacho, David Dick and Malvina Cecilia. The fraction of the PS will strengthen Lionel Jackson, Melvin Cijntje and police inspector Jaime Córdoba. The MFK Group will next party leader Gerrit Schotte include Jorge Jamaloodin, Gilmar ' Pik ' Pisas, Dean Rozier and Monique Felida. (Trnslated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

'There's a time for everything'

4 Sep, 2010, 07:58 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Emotions ran high this morning with the public Island-Council meeting, whereby new council members were sworn in, while others bade farewell to departing members of the Island-Council. NPA-leader was conspicuous by his absence and has been staying abroad for months now.

Former NPA-leader and party founder Pierre is a member of both the Island-Council and the States. Since a few months, he has been staying abroad, according to reports in Columbia and therefore missed numerous meetings of both the States and the Island-Council. Pierre was not present today either – something that NPA fellow party member Farley Hernandez deeply regretted this morning. During his farewell word, Hernandez stated that Pierre always had something remarkable to report at such occasions. Many council members took the opportunity this morning to say a parting word. For instance, former PNP deputy Humphrey (Public Health and Energy Companies) referred to what he had accomplished as member of the BC during the past three years. "When I joined in 2007, there were 2500 homes without electricity. This has now been reduced to 800 and only for a period of three months. The leakage loss decreased from 34 to 22 percent. We no longer have to worry about the preference shares Marubeni in utility company Aqualectra. We expanded the capacity of alternative (wind) energy with 30 megawatt. The water and electricity supply has improved, while Aqualectra will have five instead of three directors in 2011."

During his intervention, Dennis Jackson (PAR) dwelled on the importance of a strong opposition and coalition in the Island-Council. He further stated that the current Constitution should be approved in order to guarantee that Curaçao acquires its new status per 10-10-'10. Gregory Damoen experienced his last day as active politician, as he resigns as member of the Island-Council and of the States today. He urged his successors to be critical and to consider the principles of transparency, legal security, fair play and accountability of paramount importance.

Just like Damoen, Renfred Royer will also not be returning to the new Island-Council. During his intervention this morning, he spoke of the honor to be able to serve the people of Curaçao. "I am proud of what we accomplished. We were not able to achieve everything for the full 100 percent. This is the consequence of working in a coalition; one must know how to reach a consensus. I wish my successors much wisdom. We are now laying the basis for an independent Curaçao. There is a time for everything", Royer stated.

Charles Cooper will be the deputy of Infrastructure in the new BC. This morning he stated he was pleased with the debates that were held during the past years in the Island-Council. Former Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) in her turn emphasized the fact that the former BC had done everything to realize the people's wish for a self-governing status. In this, she named the realization of the sound financial position, numerous projects within the framework of the Social Economical Initiative and the basis that was laid for a new official apparatus. "We experienced many adversities, but we had one target in mind. I am happy to have been able to contribute towards such." Her colleague, from Deputy Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé (Education, PAR) also dwelled on the responsibility she assumed during the past years. She thanked everyone for his or her support and help.

After five years, there comes an (temporarily?) end to the active political career of Gimena van der Gen (PNP). In total, she was a deputy for two years and a member of the Island-Council for three years. She

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criticized amongst others the criticism she and other members of the coalition parties received during the past years. "It was rumored we were not good Curaçao citizens, that we were traitors, and that we were prepared to sell the island. Such statements feel like a stab in the heart. We must learn to respect each others' opinions."

According to Helmin Wiels (PS), a new cycle has started with the new Island-Council. The new period should lead to Curaçao becoming free eventually.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

"There is a time to come and a time to go"

September 4, 2010, 14:46 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Emotions ran high this morning on the Island public Council meeting where new board members were sworn in and leave was taken by outgoing members of the Island. The most notable absentee this morning NPA leader Nelson Pierre, who for months to be abroad.

Former NPA leader and party founder Pierre is a member of both the Island as the States. For several months he has lived abroad, allegedly Colombia, and has therefore numerous meetings of both States and Island to be missed. Also today, Pierre was not present. Something NPA colleague Farley Hernandez this morning is very regretted. During his farewell speech said that Pierre Hernandez on such occasions always had a radical sign.

Many council members made use of the opportunity this morning to a parting word to keep. So do former PNP deputy Humphrey (Health and Energy Company) on what he is in the past three years and three months as a member of the BC did. "When I took office in 2007 there were 2500 homes were without power. This has now been reduced to 800 and only for a period of three months. The rate of leakage decreased from 34 to 22 percent. We are on the preferred shares in Marubeni Aqualectra utility. We have the capability of alternative (wind) energy expanded to 30 megawatts. The supply of water and electricity has improved, while in 2011 Aqualectra from five to three directors will be. "

During his intervention was Dennis Jackson (PAR) turn to the importance of a strong opposition and coalition in the Island. He proposed that the Constitution, which is now on the table checkout process should be in order to ensure that 10-10 per Curacao -'10 its new status could go. Gregory Damoen today his last day, as an active politician. As of today, he performs as a member of the Island Council and the States. He urged his successors to be critical and the principles of transparency, legal certainty, fairness and accountability of paramount importance to bear.

Renfred Rojer returns as Damoen not return in the new Island. During his intervention, he had this morning about the honor for the people of Curacao to serve. " I am proud of what we have achieved. We do not have everything for the full 100 percent had done so. This is the result of working in a coalition, you must find a consensus to close. I wish my successor every success. We now lay the foundation for an independent Curacao. There is a time to come, but also a time to go, "noted Rojer on.

Charles Cooper is the deputy of the new infrastructure in BC. He stated this morning to talk to about the debates in recent years in the Island were conducted. Zita Jesus - Leito former (General Affairs, PAR), in turn, stressed the fact that the former BC has done everything to the will of the people for an autonomous status to get realized. She also mentioned the achievement of the healthy financial position, many projects under the Social Economic Initiative and the basis is laid for a new civil service. " We have had many setbacks, but we had one goal in mind. I am glad that I deal with my contribution I can make. " Her fellow former commissioner Marilyn Alcala - Walle (Education, PAR) stopped at the responsibility they have worn in recent years. She thanked everyone for their support and help.

For Gimena van der Gen (PNP) today came five years after a (temporary?) ended its active political career. In total, she commissioner two years and three years been a member of the Island. They criticized in particular the criticisms she and other members of the coalition parties in recent years have been. " Ours was told that we were not good Curacao, we were traitors and that we were prepared to sell the island. Such statements feel like a knife through your heart. We must learn to respect each others

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opinions. "

According to Helminen Wiels (PS) with the arrival of the new Island a new cycle started. The new term will have the effect that Curaçao sooner or later will be free. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Sheldry Osepa (MFK) : Ready for challenge

September 4, 2010, 14:45 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Sheldry Osepa (36) is the new commissioner in charge of political structure for the MFK. Osepa is a lawyer at the office of Knoppel, Knoppel & Partners Lawyers. He is right now from one day to put in the spotlight.

Commenting Osepa aware of the great task he has undertaken. " But we are ready. It is not that we one day to have reached this path. This is the result of a process. We have been working together with our leader Gerrit Schotte, the analysis points of the process that we are currently experiencing. "

Osepa graduated in 2002 at the Catholic University of Tilburg in the Dutch law. In 2001 he worked as a legal assistant for Refugees in Tilburg. From 2003-2004 he worked as Legal Adviser to the Economic and Social Council of the Netherlands Antilles. From 2004-2007 he worked as an Inspector of Customs and Excise, where he graduated to train Inspector of Customs and Excise has achieved. Since 2007 he worked as a lawyer in Knoppel, Knoppel & Partners Lawyers. And by now he is the new minister for the MFK, the portfolio constitutional structure.

Tomorrow to the Netherlands

The intention is that he travels tomorrow to the Netherlands to stop the discussions in the context of the political process to attend.

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BC still in Pueblo Soberano

It did not look yesterday at first, but around midnight, the parties MFK, PS and MAN it signed an agreement for the formation of an island government. The new Executive Board will receive the MFK Gerrit Schotte three deputies, Pueblo Soberano Helminen Wiels of two and husband of Eunice Eisdien a deputy. There was also some urgency, because today is the new Island installed a new BC must appoint. The coalition talks were earlier in the morning stopped once Pueblo Soberano leader Helminen Wiels in a letter to his interlocutors had indicated that his party was not possible to The Hague to travel in a coalition to sit in The Hague signature is put under five National Consensus and General Laws for the Kingdom. Apparently, the folds are smoothed out, making it the PS has become acceptable to participate in a new government.

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Executive Directors agreed on Curacao

1:45 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2010 | Source : RNWO



PHILIPSBURG - Curaçao has reached an agreement on a newly formed Executive Committee. After a long day of rumors and negotiations, both Parties Movimentu Korsou Futuro (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS) and MAN in the early morning of Saturday, September 4 to a division of labor come. Earlier this week the three opposition parties have signed a letter of intent.

The signing of the management agreement was still unexpected. PS Helminen Wiels leader sent a letter on September 2 to the proposed coalition partners, in which sovereignty and right to notice the new land were central Curacao. Wiels is fundamental not only the Netherlands but Curacao - as a sovereign state - the federal laws on police and prison can decide.

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao – Sovereign Party Out; 10-10-10 in Jeopardy?

Sovereign Party (PS) leader Helmin Wiels wrote in a letter to MAN leader Charles Cooper and MFK political leader Gerrit Schotte that his party cannot participate in a dismantling process it has disapproved from the start. He reminded MFK and MAN that they have voted against the current dismantling procedures during the past four years. PS wants independence while MFK and MAN prefer to remain a Kingdom partner. Wiels did not participate in the latest round of talks with the MFK and the MAN party. Also, "PS will not travel to the Netherlands to participate in the final Round Table Conference on September 9," Wiels said. (Various media)

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US Consulate Weekly News

Antilles – Dismantling Hurdles Before 10-10-10

The new Curacao Parliament, the Aruban parliament, and the Dutch Lower Chamber still have to discuss the Constitutional Charter amendments next week. The Kingdom Council of Ministers has to formally approve the changes, before the final September 9, Round Table Conference. (Various media)

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The Daily Heralds (St. Maarten)

Curaçao's formation in state of confusion

FRIDAY, 03 SEPTEMBER 2010 23:23

WILLEMSTAD--Confusion reigned in Willemstad on Friday over the formation of a new Curaçao Government by Movementu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS), and MAN.

PS leader Helmin Wiels on his radio programme broadcast from neighbouring Bonaire suddenly accused MKF leader Gerrit Schotte of wanting to get into government to pay back the capitalists that had financed his costly campaign, something PS wants no part of.

Wiels said his party was not into "sharing stuff" and indicated that the Curaçao Island Council delegation, which will attend the Round Table Conference (RTC) in the Netherlands next week to confirm that new constitutional relations within the Dutch Kingdom are to take effect on 10-10-10, should reject everything on the table, as these agreements were exactly what the politicians involved in the current formation process had fought the outgoing PAR/PNP/FOL coalition on while in the opposition for three years.

The pro-independence PS (four seats) subsequently did not show up for a meeting on appointing an Executive Council for the transitional period until Curaçao acquires the status of country within the Kingdom. In the future, this Executive Council is to become the Council of Ministers of the new country Curaçao.

The negotiations were intended as a follow-up to the declaration of intent which the three parties signed, indicating their wish to work on a new government. Wiels now says his party will still support the new government, but would not appoint any commissioner or future ministers.

PS had sent a letter to MFK (five seats) and MAN (two seats) seeking clarity as to what direction they wanted to take the island. Wiels mentioned the recent publication in the Netherlands of the Kingdom consensus laws related to the constitutional reform process and said agreeing to what is now on the table would make the changes irreversible and amounts to political suicide for the parties involved.

Schotte reacted by saying PS should have stated its concerns and intentions from the beginning.

"We have now asked them if they are really ready to carry responsibility. We decided not to hamper the birth of country Curaçao because we want governance at the Antillean level to end. We signed an agreement giving all three parties the possibility to take their own position in this matter without it endangering the principles in the declaration of intent."

MFK members have now reportedly approached PAR again about forming a government with the largest party (eight seats) after all. PAR does not have much choice, as both PS and MAN have stated they refuse to work with the yellow party, while FOL and PNP with one seat each alone are not enough to provide a majority in the 21-seat council.

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Although the administrative organisation of the future country Curaçao will have nine ministries, the new Executive Council will consist of a maximum of seven commissioners. This is because the Islands Regulation Netherlands Antilles ERNA for Curaçao has not been adjusted yet.

The Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles in March agreed to an amendment of the ERNA submitted by Minister of Constitutional Affairs Roland Duncan. The changes include that commissioners can no longer be council members.

The changes further implied that for the Island Territory St. Maarten, the Island Council will be expanded from eleven to fifteen members, while the Executive Council (and future Government of country St. Maarten) can consist of a maximum of seven commissioners, compared to the current maximum of five.

These adjustments were made because, according to the administrative organisation of future country St. Maarten, its Parliament will have fifteen members and there will be seven ministries. The switch from Island Territory to country will be simplified by equating the situation of the Island Territory to the future situation when the new countries come into existence.

However, in the ERNA, Curaçao falls under another article than St. Maarten and increasing the maximum number of commissioners is an affair of the Island Territory itself and not of the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles as is the case for St. Maarten.

What happened is that the current outgoing Island Council did not make the law change for the expansion of the number of commissioners.

"This regards quite a lot of issues which we have to consider simultaneously and this even has to take place within two days. I therefore ask that we be given the room to negotiate in peace," MFK chairman Amerigo Thodé said before Wiels's outburst.

Thodé at the time did not want to elaborate on the possible division of commissioners and future minister posts between the three parties. The most logical division - should Wiels change his mind again - for country Curaçao would appear that MFK provides four ministers, PS three, and MAN two.

When it comes to the transitional Executive Council, sources had hinted that the three parties could each appoint only one commissioner while negotiations continue on the division of the minister posts for future country Curaçao. What will happen, should PS stick to its position of not appointing anyone to the executive branch of the government remains to be seen.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Coalition talks MAN, MFK and PS discontinued

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The coalition talks between the MAN, the MFK and Pueblo Soberano ceased. PS leader Helminen Wiels has in a letter to his interlocutors informed that his party is not possible to The Hague to travel in a coalition to sit in The Hague, his signature is put under the five consensus federal laws.

Meanwhile, the MFK and the PAR to sit down after a possible failure with PS and MAN yet for Saturday, September 4 to present a Board of Governors. MFK is also possible the MAN in this potential coalition involvement.

Intent

Earlier this week signed the MFK, Pueblo Soberano, MAN and a letter of intent to create a new island governance. Together, the parties have 11 of the 21 seats in the Island. Until now, the PAR as the largest party (8 seats) the lead in the formation process. After a preliminary round and let the MAN know no interest in further discussions with PAR.

MFK, MAN and PS were previously known to a new Constitution would benefit from the new country Curaçao, which reflects the concerns that live at the current draft Constitution. This concept is Saturday agenda in the new Island and should be adopted, Otherwise the House next Tuesday does not accept the political changes.

Final RTC

Without the consent of the Court proceed to the Final Round Table Conference, Thursday in the Knights, is useless. The MFK has always said that the process with the Netherlands about the political reforms do not want to disturb, but shot the date of 10/10/2010 not sacred. He now searches through a motion for a structure to Saturday would agree to continue with the current version of the Constitution over this as soon as possible thereafter to adjust.

Pueblo Soberano was already known that it is violently opposed to the current concept and the first MAN wants to modify and then approve. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Versgeperst.com (Dutch)

Constitution the bottleneck ?

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Curaçao - The letter PS leader Helminen Wiels to the MFK and the MAN has sent over his opposition to the presence of the Round Table Conference is probably fatal to the proposed coalition MFK, and PS MAN. MFK - politician Jamaloodin on Friday with PAR - formateur Pedro Atacho said.

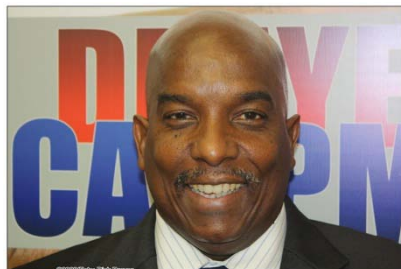
Wiels gave in the letter that a Governing Board with his party has no place at the Round Table Conference, the valve of political renewal. Wiels has indicated that he may grace support for the forming Board of Governors when it is continued to renewal. PAR and the MFK are now carefully watching whether it can go with each rule. Remarkably enough MFK leader Gerrit Schotte and MAN all afternoon unavailable for comment. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Wiels will not go, bomb under MFK, and PS MAN

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PHILIPSBURG - The coalition talks this morning stopped once Pueblo Soberano leader Helminen Wiels in a letter to his interlocutors had indicated that his party is not possible to The Hague to travel in a coalition to sit in The Hague signature is put under five National Consensus and General Laws for the Kingdom. Thus, attempts to MFK -PS - MAN coalition under strong pressure.

Pueblo Soberano Under these laws are stable indefinitely and that is unacceptable for the independent party. This afternoon at 15:00 hours following a last attempt by MAN leader Eunice Eidsen the case glue. It is unclear whether the attempt succeeded. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Formation pressure

September 3, 2010, 15:03 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The formation of a new coalition of MFK, PS and MAN is under pressure since last night. The three leaders of the parties involved will this afternoon for three hours at a consultation meeting to try to reach an agreement. In the meantime, there will also overtures between the MFK and the PAR.

The success of the negotiations is unclear since PS leader Helminen Wiels yesterday stayed away from an agreement with the other two leaders, after he sent a letter to his negotiating partners in which he indicates that a new Board of Governors no business in the Netherlands by the RTC.

The main negotiator, the MFK, now wants clarification of the PS or who does or does not want to go. This clarification was given this afternoon at noon should be, but it was decided to Wiels more time and three hours to meet together.



Negotiations between the proposed coalition members conducted very stiff. One day before the installation of the new Executive Council was not yet clear whether the parties of these three heavyweights (Gerrit Schotte, MFK ; Wiels Helminen, PS and Charles Cooper, MAN) is also part of it will make.

In the letter of the PS Wiels stressed that any government, consisting of the PS party, MFK and MAN, vehemently protested to appeal against the consensus National Laws and advanced monitoring, which the new independent country will face in Curacao. Commenting on the proclamation in the Gazette of the Dutch consensus - Laws Empire, Wiels notes that this fact is at odds with two points of the MoU, the parties agreed last Tuesday. This includes starting the process of a sovereign Curacao achieved and a process for reaching a new Constitution of the country Curacao.

Attendance at the RTC of BC consisting of the parties MFK, and PS MAN according Wiels little sense. "In the past four years, the parties, which will form part of the new BC, are structural and systematic opposition to the current political process and have boycotted all meetings in this regard. This brings us to what the BC of MFK, PS and MAN, which takes office Saturday, is going to do at the Round Table Conference (RTC), where all appointments must be approved, which we have resisted for four years ?"

Wiels stressed this morning that his arrangement is not new. "We have always opposed the current process were highlighted. That should be clear to everyone. Now it is clear to me asked, but I think that first the parties were against the Constitution and it now before going to vote, to give clarity. I've always stood on my principles and I like me."

Schotte responded in turn irritated the statements of Pendulum at Radio Mas. He was unhappy about the fact that the PS leader, despite confirmation, did not show up for a scheduled meeting with the leaders of the negotiating parties, and the preparation of the PS in the political debate. He insisted that the PS would bear its responsibility and also had to give clarity on whether they want to help govern the island, or that

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they will continue to monitor the sidelines.

Ultimatum

According to several sources, the MFK in a letter to the PS that party an ultimatum have made, for twelve hours today to clarify what the party plans. Wiels said this morning that letter had not yet received and not ultimatums will go to. "If I get the letter, I will also answer, but I can not guarantee that this happens before midnight."

The PS leader expressed his concern this morning about the progress of discussions so far. "During the discussions we have so far only talked about who gets what. About our attitude to the Netherlands we have not yet had. This indicates what kind of interests at stake," said Wiels morning.

Despite the mutual irritation were both Wiels and Schotte open the door for cooperation between the three parties.

PAR warm

The MFK said last Wednesday a meeting with Pedro Atacho PAR negotiator, but the party has never specifically indicated not wanting to negotiate. Several players in recent days the MFK, the contact with the PAR warm. The most serious approximation is that of Jorge Jamaloodin, number three on the list of candidates, according to well-informed sources yesterday to an interview with Atacho applied for a job. However, this would go against the letter of intent between the MFK, MAN and PS, they will negotiate with other parties. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Committee finds first version plans of approach disappointing

3 Sep, 2010, 12:26 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD/THE HAGUE — Together with the entire package of National Legislation, the Cooperation Regulation guaranteeing plans of approach country tasks Curaçao and St. Maarten were announced in the Law gazette.

If the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten are not capable of performing a certain task in the field of administration of justice and judicial procedures, good governance or finances when they become a country, there is a plan of approach for this task. The Final Round Table Conference will ratify the plans of approach.

The tasks, for which plans of approach need to be drawn up, regard the police and the prison for Curaçao and the police, the national criminal investigation department, the prison, the immigration organization and the population administration for St. Maarten. With regard to the Advisory Council, the General Auditor's Office, the juridical function, the foreign relations and the service Environmental Planning and Management it was decided that St. Maarten would be given the opportunity to still demonstrate that these organizations could function in accordance with the agreed upon criteria as of October 10th 2010.

Quality disappointing

A report presented one month ago to the political steering committee 'Political Changes Netherlands Antilles' from the committee of experts consisting of M. Alexander, H. Arends and J. van Eck on the

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review of the plans of approach of Curaçao and St. Maarten, states that 'in broad terms, the committee finds the quality of the plans of approach disappointing'. "Most of the plans of approach are incomplete and do not offer systematic answer to the question how the organizations will be built up or improved in the given two years. For the most part, also existing improvement plans, with an adjustment here and there, have been labeled 'plan of approach'. This could partly be due to the short period, in which the countries had to draw up the plans of approach, but according to the committee, this can be no argument to neglect a number of (general) basic principles for drawing up the plans of approach."

The committee further noticed that not much was done with the committee's comments as regards contents, which according to them are important in view of the organization and functioning of the organizations in conformity with the determined criteria. "Part of the comments will still have to be assimilated. For the rest, the committee assumes that the progress-committee (as mentioned in the AMvRB) will explicitly include the comments as regards contents with their activities" according to the committee of experts.

Financing problem remains

The problem regarding the financing of the plans remains – as already indicated in the review report. It's true the plans include a budget, but it is further unclear whether there is also coverage for such. "It is self explanatory, that the financing of the plans is a critical success factor. Actually, an assessment whether the plans will lead to an organization that complies with the criteria, is difficult without the certainty that the money is available. A condition also applies with this review: the committee departed from the fact that the budgeted means will actually be made available. Substantial covering problems lead to new choices with the structure and improvement of the organizations, which will have to be examined again. The progress-committee will then have to assess whether a thing or two will still lead to organizations that comply with the agreed criteria.

The committee advises to bring the plans of approach to the attention of the Council financial supervision, so that the Council could include these with the assessment of the budgets of Curaçao and St. Maarten."

Not perfect

The committee does not find it realistic to expect that the plans of approach will be perfect before the Final RTC takes place. Therefore, in its conclusions, the committee makes a distinction between points that still have to be processed in the plan of approach before the Final RTC, and where an examination is still required before the Final RTC; and points that could be processed in the first period after 10-10-'10, and those that the progress-committee will have to review. "In connection with the Final RTC that is scheduled for September 9th, it is necessary that the committee possesses the adjusted plans or additional information on August 16th at the latest." The actual review would then have to take place at the end of August.

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Bijleveld : Much work for decommissioning

September 3, 2010, 15:04 (GMT -04:00)

AMSTERDAM - There is still much work to be done to get to October 10, 2010 as the date for the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles. According to a survey that caretaker Secretary Ank Bijleveld -Schouten sent to the House.

by our correspondent *Otti Thomas*

"With this letter I inform you about the state of affairs regarding the conditions as laid down in the so-called date contract, which I last year on behalf of the Dutch government in the Netherlands Antilles and future country Curaçao and St. Maarten closed won" She writes.

The government cites female conditions including the necessary approvals of the Constitution in Curacao, Aruba and the Statute Revision to the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) in The Hague. But there is more.

So there will be a consultation before the RTC of the Political Steering constitutional change (PSG). During these consultations, a decision taken on the plan of action for tasks that Curacao and St. Maarten October 10 not to exercise independently, including the police and the prison system. The performance of these tasks will be covered by a General Measure of Government Administration (AMvRb). The plans of action have recently been amended following comments from experts. ' The PSG to assess whether these arrangements are sufficiently adjusted given the comments of said Committee, wrote to Secretary of State.

Bijleveld - Schouten is also there on St. Maarten plans of action for a Section Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment and for Legal and Legislative Affairs, the Advisory Board, a Supreme Court and Foreign Relations, commonly known as the Legal Function. "My bet is intended that decided that the legal position and a part of the future Ministry of Environment still planning approach should be drafted and then placed under the operation of the AMvRb. "

Bijleveld - Schouten also lists as prerequisites for the achievement of the October 10 meeting of the State Ministers and the House on September 7, which will be voted on the amendment of the Statute. The State Cabinet will also decide on the status of members of the Common Court of Justice and the Public Ministry and the capacity of police in the islands. Furthermore, Curacao and St. Maarten are a number of Land Regulations approval.

One of the last steps to be taken is the meeting of the Senate on September 28. The BES Security Act and the Law Money System BES are then treated just in time for publication in the Gazette on October 1 and the transition date of 10-10 -'10. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands

Van Raak : emergency consultations instead RTC

Published : September 3, 2010 - 3:15 pm | by [Editors Caribiana](#) ([Photo : Bas Stoffelsen](#))

When it comes to the SP is there no lock - RTC September 9, but an emergency consultation on the constitutional renewal. That says MP Ronald van Raak. Curacao and Sint Maarten, Van Raak not at all ready for an autonomous country within the Kingdom to be.

The SP calls for a long time that the decommissioning of the West Indies too fast. The resulting situation after the elections last week in Curacao shows that according to touch again clearly. Again showed how the population is divided about the political future.

"In the Netherlands we are a new government and Curaçao," Van Raak. He thinks that there took a step back should be made because it appears that the new government critical of the reforms. The debts have been restructured, but much is still not finished: "The finances are not in order, the police is not in order and not the prison."

House demolished

Netherlands Antilles the country actually has an empty shell after the power has largely been transferred from a touch eyesore. "I have always warned. The old house was demolished. why are people in Curaçao and Sint Maarten in a house half finished. "

On September 7 there is a final consultation with State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld on the program Van Raak think she has something to explain about the fact that a difficult situation has arisen : "Curaçao is the afspraken niet met. We invest one billion euro in debt and a half, maar Curacao is still not right."

Chaos

The chaos in the Kingdom, according Of Touch created by successive ministers in the Netherlands and the Antilles. " The people in the Netherlands betalingsmoe. We have no Round Table Conference, but an emergency consultation. " He would like to think about a solution. Therby SP MP in the House begin.
(Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

[\(Morning Newspapers\)](#) **The Extras** message length about the formation process, MFK, MAN and Pueblo Soberano. There seems to be trouble in paradise to be, because no two days after signing the MoU, Pueblo Soberano is a step back. Extra writes that the negotiators of MFK, MAN and Pueblo Soberano last night and that would further discuss Helminen Wiels unexpectedly did not show up.

Helminen Wiels would not approve the Constitution, nor participate in the Final Round Table Conference in the Netherlands so as for him it has no meaning to the Executive Council to sit down. What if he does want to do is tolerate a government and then do not deliver delegates. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Extra (Papiamentu)

(NOTE: The article below is the one summarized above. It is in Papiamentu, and I do not have an online translator to render it to English, and can only read a few words myself. Included here for completeness, and for my Papiamentu-literate friends).

PUEBLO SOBERANO A BEK I NO A BAI REUNION KU MFK I MAN

on 03-09-2010 10:42

WILLEMSTAD.- Ayera nochi partidonan ku a firma e intenshon pa forma gobièrnu di Kòrsou mester a sigui ku reunionnan pa formashon di un gobièrnu próksimamente.

Pero sorpresivamente partidonan a sinta warda e lider di Pueblo Soberano pa ta presente na e reunion, pero ketu. E no a presentá.

Nos a tuma nota di su deklarashonnan na radio kaminda el a manda e partidonan entre otro bai forma gobièrnu ku Par. Pero promé ku esei el a manda MFK un karta kaminda e no ta bisa di lo no bini e reunion pero ta splika lo siguiente.

Segun Wiels di Pueblo Soberano, el a tuma nota (ayera?) di publikashonnan di e leinan di reino i medidanan di supervishon haltu riba polis i prizon ku mester keda ratifiká dia 9 di sèptèmber durante di e konferensia di Mesa Rondó.

E ta bisa den su karta ku e medidanan ei tin un karakter permanente ya ku nan no ta inklui un klóusula di terminashon. E ousensia di e klóusula di terminashon ei ta nifiká ku e úniko ku por disidí riba e leinan ta Ulanda. Esaki ta pone puntonan 4 i 5 di e deklarashon di intenshon firmá entre MFK, PS i Man ku ta puntonan di prinsipio na peliger i irealisabel.

Pa Pueblo Soberano e puntonan ei ta importante pasobra nan ta e fundeshi di nan eksistensia ku ta basá riba libertat, soberania, autonomia real i e derechi di outodeterminashon.

Wiels ta puntra kiko e BC ku lo sinta djasabra awor entre MFK, Man i PS ta bai hasi na un konferensia di Mesa Rondó kaminda ta bai ratifiká tur e akuerdonan ku 4 aña largu e mesun partidonan ei a rechasá. Konsekuentemente PS ta sinti nan obligá na eksponé nan prekupashon pa ku e partisipashon di Teritorio Insular di Kòrsou na e konferensia di mesa rondó ku ta bai konsolidá dominio total di un forsa djafó.

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Pueblo Soberano ta di opinion ku un eventual gobièrnu ku su partisipashon mester hiba e mensahe di total rechaso pa e leinan di reino i medidanan di supervishon haltu.

Ku esaki nan no ta bisa ku nan ta afó ku palabranan bon kla, pero si por konkluí esaki. Movementu Futuro Kòrsou sinembargo a manda un karta ayera nochi mes pa e lider polítiko di PS kaminda ta pidi klaridat.

MFK ke klaridat riba e deklarashonnan di Wiels entre otro na radio i tambe referiendo na e palabrashon ku a keda firmá djarason.

MFK ke sa si PS ta dispuesto pa asumí responsabilidadat gubernamental pa logra forma un pais Kòrsou. MFK ke sa si PS ta dispuesto pa buska solushon konstruktivo i efektivu pa por kambia e aspektonan den struktura estatal i e leinan konserní ku nan no ta di akuerdo kuné.

Pa loke ta e proposishon pa bai Konferensia di mesa rondó pa un rechaso total di e leinan di reino i medidanan di alto supervishon MFK ke sa kiko ta e opshonnan alternativo ku PS ta mira pa nan logra un pais outónomo.

Tambe MFK ta puntra den su karta kon PS ta kere ku e por kumpli ku tur promesa hasí na su votadónan si nan no ta asumí e responsabilidadat gubernamental.

Kon PS ta splika su votadónan e echo ku Par lo mester bai forma parti di un gobièrnu pa Kòrsou si PS no ta asumí responsabilidadat gubernamental.

MFK ta duna Wiels te awe 12 or di mèrdia pa akclará su puntonan ya ku Kòrsou simplemente no por keda sin un gobièrnu.

Ultimo ora

Den oranan lat ayera nochi EXTRA a komprondé ku Helmin Wiels lo a bisa ku e ke sostené gobièrnu pero e no ke nombra niun diputado. Nos a komprondé ku e no a informá e partidonan ku el a firma kuné ofisialmente pero aparentemente esaki ta e intenshon tras di su desishon.

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Adjusting Constitution no simple matter

2 Sep, 2010, 08:20 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD/THE HAGUE — Adjusting a once adopted Constitution, the new ‘constitution’ for in this case Curaçao, is no simple matter. That appears upon inquiry by the Amigoe with the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations in The Hague.

Not only must there always be a two-third majority in the new States of Curaçao soon for the amendment proposals, but the National Council of Ministers will also have to endorse the changes.

In The Hague, one states that possible adjusting and changing of the Constitution in first instance is of course an affair of the island when the new political constellation is a fact, but that the Charter provides for a number of guarantees not to adjust a constitution just like that. After all, the importance of a constitution is much too great for that.

The state of affairs on Curaçao, with the declaration of intent of the three parties MFK, PS and MAN to realize a new Board of Governors (and soon the first government of the country), and the meanwhile concluded agreement between the parties to start a process that is to lead to a new Constitution, is followed attentively in The Hague. This is also the case with the scheduled meeting for Saturday of the newly chosen Island-Council, and the voting on the current draft Constitution.

That the draft Constitution can be adopted with a normal majority on Saturday, is an exception for that matter. As a country cannot be without a constitution and it regards the first Constitution, it was determined that for this exceptional situation, a normal majority in the second instance and after new elections will suffice. This way, one avoids that the process to realize a Constitution could last for many years to come because a two-third majority could not be secured.

However, once a Constitution is established, it can be changed only with a two-third majority.

No RTC without Constitution

It is definite that no matter how, there must be a Constitution in order to let the political changing process take place. Only then is it sensible to let the closing Round Table Conference take place on September 9th, after which the dismantlement of the Netherlands Antilles on 10-10-'10 could become a fact, while also the forming of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten and the BES-Islands as public bodies (exceptional municipalities) of the Netherlands could continue. “No RTC without Constitution”, as the Dutch Minister-President Jan-Peter Balkenende told his conversation partners expressly in the past days during his visit to St. Maarten, Curaçao and Aruba. A start of a new country with constitution is considered ‘not sensible’.

With the possible support from the MFK of Gerrit Schotte, who indicated in the election period to vote in favor of the Constitution, despite several objections – something that is within the bounds of possibilities by the three intended coalition parties agreeing freedom with the voting Saturday on the draft Constitution – and the PAR voting in favor, there is a wide majority in the new Island-Council for the regulation, and the last hurdle is taken en route to the RTC. Adjusting and changing of the Constitution valid as of 10-10-'10 is always possible afterwards, but not easily – if the committee to be set up by MFK, PS and MAN arrives at that conclusion (and in view of the statements from MFK-leader Gerrit Schotte), PS-leader

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Helmin Wiels and from MAN-leader Charles Cooper, it is obvious). First, the necessary two-third majority will have to be secured in the new States of Curaçao. If that is not possible, parties could leave it at that or the alternative is new elections. However, those new elections are not mandatory – such as currently occurred on Curaçao. However, even if the Curaçao States votes in favor of the changes with a two-third majority (14 of the 21 seats; the intended coalition only comes up with 11), these changes are still not a fact. The National Council of Ministers in The Hague has the final word in a number of specifically named matters (such as human rights, constitutional state, legal order, etcetera), and has to give their opinion in two terms on the proposed changes. In first instance, the Council expressed its feelings and in this, enabled the country Curaçao to adapt the text if so desired, in order to gain the necessary approval. For that matter, the Ministers Plenipotentiary of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten and of Aruba will be seated in that National Council of Ministers instead of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles. However, the three aforementioned ministers will have an underlying position.

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SXM Island Time (St. Maarten)

[MFK leader talks about the formation process](#)

Written by Staff Reporter

Thursday, 02 September 2010 23:21

www.sxmislantime.com



PHILIPSBURG - The largest political party in Curacao, the PAR along with their 8 seats, will be delegated to the opposition benches of the new island government of Curacao.

The PAR party will be accompanied by the FOL with 1 seat and the PNP with 1 seat.

Leader of the Movement for Curacao (MFK) Gerrit Schotte indicated that while his party will not attempt to put a halt to the constitutional process, they are going to propose that some amendments be made to the document.

The new government is expected to take office on Saturday.

Mr. Schotte further stated that they will be participating in the upcoming Round Table Conference (RTC) which is scheduled to be held in Holland on Thursday September 9th.

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Customize Constitution is no easy task

September 2, 2010, 14:37 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG / THE HAGUE - Changing a Constitution once adopted, the new ' constitution ' in this case, Curacao, is no easy matter. This is evident in the inquiry Amigoe the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations in The Hague.

Not only should there later on in the new States of Curacao is always a two-thirds majority for the amendments, even the Government Ministers will have to accept the changes.

In The Hague that it may modify and amend the Constitution first of course a matter for the island as the new political constellation is a fact, but that the statute provides for a number of guarantees for a constitution not just a moment adjust. Therefore, the importance of a constitution is too large.

The state of affairs in Curaçao with the intent of the three parties MFK, PS and MAN to a new Executive Board (and later the first government of the country) to come, and now between the parties agreement made a trial to start in a new Constitution should lead, in The Hague with interest. As with the meeting scheduled for Saturday the newly elected Island Council and the vote on the currently present draft Constitution is the case.

That the draft Constitution Saturday with a simple majority can be assumed, moreover, is an exception.

As a country without a constitution, for this particular situation - it is the first Constitution - the amended Statute provides that a simple majority in a second step and after enough new elections. This will prevent the process to establish a Constitution for for years can continue, because no two-thirds majority could be found. Once established for a Constitution except that it only with two-thirds majority can be changed.

Constitution without any RTC

It is undisputed that event, a Constitution must be to the political change to go ahead. Only then it is sensible to September 9 in The Hague, the final Round Table Conference to call off, then at 10-10 -'10 the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles a reality, while the formation of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten and the BES - islands as public (local species) of the Netherlands to continue. "Without Constitution no RTC, the Dutch Prime Minister Jan- Peter Balkenende in recent days during his visit to St. Maarten, Curacao and Aruba also made it clear to his interlocutors. A launch of a new country with no constitution and " no sense " mentioned.

With the support which the MFK Gerrit Schotte, in the election period has shown despite some objections by the Constitution to vote - something in between the three proposed coalition parties agreed freedom to vote Saturday on the draft Constitution to the capabilities - and vote for the PAR is in the new Island a large majority for the scheme and is the last hurdle on the way to the RTC taken.

Adapt and change than from the 10-10 -'10 Constitution is in force, as the MFK, PS and MAN to set up committee to that conclusion (and the judgments of the leaders of MFK, Gerrit Schotte, PS, Helminen Wiels and the MAN, Charles Cooper, which is obvious) then always possible, but not easy. First, then in the new States of Curacao the necessary two-thirds majority to be found. Failing that then leave it at parties or new elections are the alternative. That new elections are not - as has happened now in Curacao - mandatory.

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But even if the Curaçao States is two-thirds majority (14 out of 21 seats, the coalition is intended only to 11) expresses the changes, those changes remains elusive. The State Cabinet in The Hague has a number of specified matters (such as human rights, rule of law, legal, etc.) than the last word and must be in two installments on the proposed amendments to rule. Initially, the Board 's feelings and, if the country of Curacao is the text to adjust it to the necessary consent. In the Kingdom Council of Ministers are also soon be in place of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, next to Aruba. But those numbers have three of an underlying position. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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MFK, PS and MAN want sovereignty

2 Sep, 2010, 08:19 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Emancipation of the people and sovereignty of Curaçao are the targets set by the parties MFK, PS and MAN in the declaration of intent, which they signed yesterday. The declaration of intent clears the way for negotiations between the three parties for a new Board of Governors (BC) that can count on the support of 11 of the 21 council-members.

The signing of the declaration of intent took place yesterday afternoon in the residence of MFK-leader Gerrit Schotte and attended by top people of all three parties involved. The document strongly opposes the consecutive governments with PAR-signature, who had governed the island during the past years. "Now more than ever, Curaçao must have a government that respects its dignity; that can guarantee permanent development of the island; that is prepared to work on the emancipation process seriously and resolutely so that one day the people could be free and our island can be sovereign."

The cooperating parties will agree on six specific principle points. The last point is also the most current one and regards the emotive subject of the Constitution for the future country Curaçao. It is known that the PS strongly opposes the current proposal, while the MAN advocates adjustment of the document, and MFK indicated to vote in favor of the draft under certain conditions. The parties agree that each party is 'at liberty to determine an own individual viewpoint on the Constitution to the best of one's knowledge'. This will not have any consequences for the negotiations between the parties involved. In the political field, the parties further agree they will start a new process to realize a Constitution for the Country Curaçao. This will have to occur in such a manner, so that all actors in the society will be heard. As soon as possible, one will continue to work on emancipation development, leading to a free people and a sovereign, independent Curaçao.

The government for the island, which the three parties aim for, must be based on the principles of 'freedom, equality, solidarity, social justice and respect for the dignity of the Curaçao people'. The administrative program, which MFK, PS and MAN want to draw up, will have to depart from democratic principles, social reformation and better living quality for the people. This implies concentration on combating the abuse of the peoples' trust in the interest of an individual or that of a small group.

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MFK, PS and MAN to sovereignty

September 2, 2010, 14:37 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Emancipation of the people and sovereignty of the island. These goals, the parties MFK, PS and the man made in the willingness statement yesterday that they have signed. The MoU will pave the way for negotiations between the three parties for a new BC that the support of 11 of the 21 council members will be able to count.

The signing of the MoU took place yesterday afternoon at the home of MFK leader Gerrit Schotte and was attended by the heads of all three parties. The document turns vehemently against the successive governments with PAR - signature, the island in recent years have resulted. " Now more than ever, Curaçao government get its dignity respect, that sustainable development of the island can guarantee that is willing to seriously and determined to work towards the emancipation process, so that the people on one day can be free and our island sovereign can be. "

The cooperating parties are basically six specific points match. The last point is also the latest and focused on the sensitive topic of the Constitution for the future land Curacao. Known that the PS strongly opposed the proposal, now before us, is opposed. While MAN -tune the document and MFK indicated under certain conditions before the concept will vote. The Parties agree that each party " is free to honestly and own individual views on the Constitution to decide ". This will not affect the negotiations between the parties.

In the political field, the parties further agreed that a new process to start up a Constitution for the country to come Curacao. This will be done in a way, involving all actors in society will be heard. As soon as possible, further efforts need to be emancipatory development, which should lead to a free nation and a sovereign, independent Curacao.

The administration of the island where the three parties want to go, should be based on the principles of " liberty, equality, solidarity, social justice and respect for the dignity of the people Curaçao. The administration program, MFK, and PS MAN enjoy writing, will have to go out of democratic principles, social reform and improved quality of life of the people. This will need to focus on combating the abuse of trust of the people in the interest of an individual or a small group. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Transition BC: maximum seven members

2 Sep, 2010, 08:18 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Three committees from the parties Movementu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS) and the MAN already started negotiations yesterday evening to form a Board of Governors for the transitional period until Curaçao acquires the status of country within the Kingdom.

In the future, this Board of Governors will become the Council of Ministers of the new country Curaçao. The negotiations are the result of a declaration of intent, which the three parties signed Wednesday afternoon, in which they indicate their wish to continue working on a new government. Although the administrative organization of the future country Curaçao will consist of nine ministries, the new Board of Governors (BC) will consist of maximum seven deputies. This is because the Islands' Regulation for Curaçao has not been adjusted yet.

In March, the States of the Netherlands Antilles agreed with an amendment Islands' Regulation Netherlands Antilles (Erna), submitted by the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Roland Duncan. Amongst others, the changes imply that deputies can no longer be council-members.

The changes further implied that for the island-territory St. Maarten, the Island-Council will be expanded from eleven to fifteen members, and the Board of Governors can consist of maximum seven members, compared to the current maximum number of five members.

These adjustments were made because according to the administrative organization of the future country St. Maarten, the parliament will have fifteen members and there will be seven ministries. The transfer from island-territory to country will be simplified by equating the situation of the island-territory to the future situation when the new countries come into existence.

However, in the Erna, Curaçao falls under another article than St. Maarten, and increasing the maximum number of deputies to be seated in the BC, is an affair of the island-territory itself, and not of the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, as is the case for St. Maarten.

However, the current Island-Council has not discussed the Island Regulation that regulates the expansion of the number of deputies yet. "This regards quite a lot of issues which we have to consider simultaneously, and this even has to take place within two days. I therefore ask that one gives the committees elbow-room to negotiate in peace and quiet", says MFK-chairperson Amerigo Thodé, who chairs the negotiations between the three parties.

Thodé, Stella van Rijn, Carol Capriles and Sheldry Osepa are seated in the negotiating committee on behalf of MFK, and Jules Eisden, Edsel Rosenda, Wini Raveneau and Rene Rosalia on behalf of PS. The MAN committee members are Charles Cooper, Dwigno Puriel, Yvette Vivas-Hellburg and Giovanni Atalita. Thodé did not want to elaborate on the possible division of deputies and future minister posts between the three parties.

The committee members will be meeting this evening again to continue the negotiations.

The most logical division within the administrative organization of the country Curaçao appears to be that MFK provides four ministers, PS 3, and MAN 2. It is still unclear what the division within the BC will be

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this Saturday. Sources within the parties state that the three parties will each appoint one deputy, while negotiations continue on the division of the minister posts of the future country Curaçao.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Transition -BC has a maximum of seven members

September 2, 2010, 2:35 p.m. (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Three committees of the parties Movimentu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK), Pueblo Soberano (PS) and the MAN last night began negotiations for an Executive Committee to form the transition period until Curacao country status within the Kingdom is. This Executive Board will in the future the Council of Ministers of the new country to Curacao.

The negotiations are the result of a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed Wednesday, that they indicate continue to work on a new government.

Although the administrative organization of future country Curaçao will consist of nine ministries, the College Board to form (BC) from up to seven delegates there. This is because the scheme Curacao Island has still not been adjusted.

In March, the State of the Netherlands Antilles agreed to an amendment of the Scheme Island Netherlands Antilles (Erna), by Minister of Constitutional Affairs Roland Duncan. The changes include that deputies no longer are council members.

Further held that the changes in the island territory of St. Maarten, the island will be increased from eleven to fifteen members and the Executive may have up to seven members, as compared with the maximum number of five members as it is now.

These changes were made because, according to the administrative organization of future country St. Maarten parliament will comprise fifteen members and seven ministries will be. By the situation of the island territory equivalent to the situation as it will be created when the new countries, the transition from island land area to facilitate.

But Curacao is in the Erna under a different article than St. Maarten and increasing the maximum number of delegates, that seat can participate in the BC, is a matter of the island territory itself and not the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, as they do the case for St. Maarten.

But the Island Regulation which regulates expansion of the number of deputies has not handled by the current Island. "It's a lot of things we should consider while and it should also happen within two days. I therefore ask the committee to give the space to quietly negotiate," said MFK President Amerigo Thode, that the negotiations between the three parties, presiding.

To MFK are Thode, Stella van Rijn, and Carol Capriles Sheldry Osepa the negotiating committee. PS that Jules Eidsen, Edsel Rosenda, Wini Raveneau and René Rosalia. The MAN - committee members are Charles Cooper, Dwigno Puriel, Yvette Vivas -Hell Burg and Giovanni Atalita. Method did not further discuss the potential future distribution of deputies and ministerial posts between the three parties. Tonight, the committee again met to continue negotiations.

The most logical division within the administrative organization of the country seems to be that Curaçao

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MFK provides four ministers, three PS and two MAN. How the division next Saturday in the BC will be is still unclear. Sources within the party say that the three parties will each appoint one commissioner, while further negotiations on the allocation of ministerial posts in the future land Curacao. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Schotte wants new referendum

2 Sep, 2010, 08:17 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — A solution must be found for all existing obstacles on the current draft Constitution. This is the core of a motion, which MFK-leader Gerrit Schotte intends to introduce during the public Island-Council meeting this Saturday.

In the press report, in which he announces the motion, Schotte does not indicate what these obstacles precisely are. However, he explains they regard the reasons why certain parties had not voted in favor of the Constitution during the first reading. In this, it regards for example the suspension of convicted politicians. Schotte wants to obtain clarity on these points. Therefore, his motion must be viewed as a way to receive the guarantee from all Kingdom partners that his quoted obstacles will be solved.

Schotte's proposal departs from the fact that a special committee must be set up, that is to list these obstacles and come up with recommendations. These recommendations will finally be presented to the people by means of a referendum. The MFK-leader also wants to put the tenor of the motion down on paper, in an agreement with the other Kingdom partners.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Schotte wants new referendum

September 2, 2010, 14:34 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - A solution to any problem areas that exist on the draft Constitution, which is currently on the table. That is the essence of a motion, which MFK leader Gerrit Schotte plans during the public Island Council meeting next Saturday to submit.

In the press release announcing his motion, Schotte does not indicate what those obstacles actually are. He explains that they do relate to the reasons why certain groups during the first reading of the Constitution voted. This is for example the suspension of convicted politicians. Subdivision proposes to clarify these points to get. His motion should therefore be seen as a way of all the Kingdom partners will guarantee that the problem areas cited by him are resolved.

Schotte 's proposal assumes that a special commission to come, these obstacles need to inventory and recommendations to come. These recommendations will finally through a referendum be submitted to the people.

The MFK leader also wants the scope of the motion is written down in an agreement with the other Kingdom partners. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Godett resigns today

2 Sep, 2010, 08:20 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD —As of today, Anthony Godett (FOL) resigned as deputy of the island-territory Curaçao, by means of a letter to the Lieutenant Governor, Lisa Dindial.

In his letter, Godett states he is resigning as of today. He thanks the Lieutenant Governor for the good cooperation during the past three years and four months while he was deputy. Godett further thanks the Civil Service and the community in general.

During the Island-Council elections of August 27th, the FOL-party only gained one seat and does not form a part of the current formation process between the parties MFK, PS and MAN. This Saturday, the members of the new Island-Council will take the oath, and a new Board of Governors will be chosen.

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Boersema : " Political process is not in danger "

7:58 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2010 | Source : Paradise FM |



Douwe Boersema

PHILIPSBURG - The political process is not in danger. " That said Douwe Boersema, constitutional scholar. He does think that some problems will arise about the administrative organization and that much needs to be done but this is no reason to blow the whole thing off.

As you know Saturday is a new island installed then an executive committee will choose one - as it seems that a MFK, PS, MAN signature. According Boersema, shapes the relations between the Executive Board and the government at country level with PAR, PNP and FOL no problem. "These are separate functions. For the forthcoming Round Table Conference on September 9 constitutional scholar expects no problems" the country acts on facilitative, as was previously agreed. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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St. Maarten Island Time

[Agreement reached in Curacao formation process](#)

by St Maarten Island Time

Posted: Sep 2, 2010 12:36 UTC

PHILIPSBURG, Curacao - The political process for the formation of a new island government on the island territory of Curacao came to an end on Wednesday.

On Saturday, the Island Council will have a meeting and the 21 members who were voted in should be accepted as members of the council.

A declaration was signed by the MFK, MAN and the PS which reflects a majority of 11 seats in the parliament. Liberty and equality for the people of Curacao tops the agenda for the new coalition which will be led by the MFK party.

The coalition also pledges to push for full independence for the island of curacao whilst at the same time pledging not to hamper the upcoming round table conference (RTC) scheduled for the 9th of September.

However, Gonzalo Cuales of Z-86 Radio in Curacao noted in a earlier report on PJD-2 radio that the PAR party still has a strong position as it has eight seats.

As a result of this, no major decision can be taken without the PAR's involvement as without their support, a two thirds majority cannot be obtained by the new coalition.

Without securing the two thirds majority, the parties would again have to go back to elections and the MFK party leader, Cuales surmise, would run the risk of losing the support he gained in the just concluded elections if the fresh elections are to be held.

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Schotte Constitution would improve

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Curacao - The Island Council meeting on Saturday will MFK leader Gerrit Schotte a motion to extend the Constitution to fit. He wants a special committee that will submit proposals for changes.

In a referendum the people can then comment on these proposals. That is for political renewal, according to the politician democratic. Schotte in the TV debate on Tele Curacao announced "pro pro pro", it appears this action is in this position and continue the removal of the Antilles not want to stop. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

Agreement MFK, PS and MAN

1 Sep, 2010, 08:05 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The parties MFK, PS and MAN signed a declaration of intent this afternoon to realize a new Board of Governors. The signing took place in the presence of the political leaders of the three parties in the residence of MFK-leader Gerrit Schotte, after that party had cancelled a conversation with the PAR for this morning.

The declaration of intention is based on an original document that was drawn up by the PS and forwarded to the two other parties. The party-leaders in election of the MFK, Gerrit Schotte and of the MAN, Eunice Eisdien discussed the proposal of the PS yesterday and made some adjustments in the document that regarded their own priority points. This last proposal was forwarded to PS-leader Helmin Wiels yesterday, who would discuss such with his supporters.



The leaders of the parties MFK, PS and MAN signed the declaration of intent this morning to realize a new Board of Governors. The further emancipation process of the island that is to lead to 'a free Curaçao' was the centre point in the declaration of intent. In the picture on the foreground from left to right: Helmin Wiels (PS), Gerrit Schotte (MFK) and Charles Cooper (MAN).

Wiels did not want to say much on the status of affairs this morning, but stated there would be more news around noon. Before then, in any case Schotte, Wiels and Eisdien would consult in order to come to agreements on further negotiations. After twelve, the three parties reached an agreement on the contents of the document.

Due to the cancellation of the FMK and the signing this afternoon, it seems that the PAR will be relegated to the opposition benches with their eight seats in the new Island-Council. The MAN and PS had already indicated earlier not to talk with the yellow party on the formation of a new Board of Governors (BC) for Curaçao. The MFK (five seats, the PS (four) and MAN (two) have eleven seats collectively, which is just sufficient to form a BC.

PAR remains prepared

PAR-negotiator Atacho stated this morning that the yellow party will always remain prepared to talk further with the MFK, as the PAR has not received any official formal discontinuance from the party of Gerrit Schotte, concretely stating there is no point to further conversations.

New Government Regulation

There will be a new process that is to lead to a new Government Regulation for the Country Curaçao. That's what the parties MFK, PS and MAN agreed upon in the declaration of intent which they signed this afternoon. The parties give each other the space to vote 'to the best of one's knowledge' with the discussion of the current draft Government Regulation in the Island-Council. The result of the voting will not have any consequences for the negotiations for a new Board of Governors.

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MFK agreement, and PS MAN

September 1, 2010, 14:49 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The parties MFK, PS and MAN have this afternoon signed a letter of intent for a new Executive Board to come. The signing was attended by political leaders of the three parties in the house of Gerrit Schotte MFK leader after a party meeting with the PAR for this morning was canceled.

The MoU is based on an original document was compiled by the PS and the two other parties were sent. Yesterday discussed the leading candidates of the MFK, Gerrit Schotte, and MAN, Eunice Eidsen, the proposal of the PS and brought some changes, which relate to their own priority issues. This latter proposal yesterday to PS leader Helminen Wiels sent it with his supporters would discuss.

Early this morning wanted Wiels little lost on the state of affairs, but it said that before noon to report more news would be. Before that would in any case Schotte, Wiels and Eidsen view to finding agreement on further negotiations to come. After noon, the three parties agreed on the contents of the document.

By the cancellation of the MFK and the signing this afternoon seems to PAR, with its eight seats in the new Island, to the opposition benches to be condemned. Had previously been the MAN and PS indicated with the yellow party not wanting to talk about the formation of a new Executive Board for Curaçao. The MFK (five seats), the PS (four) and MAN (two) together eleven seats, just enough to form a BC.

PAR remains ready

PAR Atacho negotiator said this morning that the yellow party always remains ready to continue with the MFK to talk, because the PAR is no official formal cancellation of the party by Gerrit Schotte received, which specifically states that further talk is useless.

New Constitution

There is a new process that a new Constitution for the country to lead Curacao. These are the parties MFK, PS MAN and agreed in the Memorandum of Understanding they signed this afternoon. The parties give each other space when dealing with the current draft Constitution in the Island to 'conscience' vote. The vote results will not affect the negotiations for a new Executive Committee. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)



The leaders of the parties MFK, PS MAN this morning and put their signatures under the letter of intent for a new Executive Board to come. Central to the letter of intent is the further emancipation of the island into "a free Curaçao will have to lead. In the photo in the foreground from left to right Helminen Wiels (PS), Gerrit Schotte (MFK) and Charles Cooper (MAN).

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Amigoe.com (English)

Preparations RTC well under way

1 Sep, 2010, 08:01 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — The Antillenhuis and the Arubahuis are very busy this week with the preparations for the Round Table Conference (RTC) that is to be held on Thursday, September 9th, with the reservation that the Island-Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten approve the amendment of the Constitution.

The Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles, Marcel van der Planck said this morning that there are several informal and formal meetings planned during the days before the RTC, under chairmanship of outgoing Premier Jan Peter Balkenende. "This way, everything can be dealt with formally during the RTC itself." Most of the meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel in The Hague, where various delegation members will be staying as well. The first delegates from the islands and the Antillean government will be arriving Sunday morning.

Van der Planck emphasizes that everything depends on the approval of the amendment of the Constitution on Curaçao and St. Maarten. If both Island-Councils agree, then the National Council of Ministers will discuss the Constitution amendment on the morning of Tuesday, September 7th. The Lower Chamber will take its decision later on that day during the first meeting after the summer recess.

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Wiels against travel to the Netherlands

September 1, 2010, 14:45 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - PS Helminen Wiels leader opposes the travel of a delegation from Curaçao to the Netherlands to the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) to attend. Wiels is not only a waste of money, but believes that this is a process that in recent elections by the people has been rejected, this will be ratified.

"The mess of the PAR must be put stop." In these words Wiels responded this afternoon with MAS99 station on the planned trip to the Netherlands of a delegation Curaçao. This trip is scheduled for Sunday, a day after the first meeting of the new Island. It is envisaged that during this meeting, the Island is still examine the draft Constitution for the country of Curaçao. Wiels believes that this concept of the table and suggests that there should be a committee set up a new Constitution to prepare with the assistance of all ranks of society.

In an explanatory memorandum Wiels impossible to agree with this trip. This requirement is for him a very important condition for his party to the negotiations leading to a new Executive Board to lead. "You enter Saturday and Sunday all you need to travel. You travel to an RTC, without information and without access to relevant information. What you gonna do?" asks Wiels off.

Asked whether the target date '10 - 10-10 is feasible, said that a Wiels that date was imposed by the PAR. He does that did not trip the delegation continue Sunday, the final - RTC will not happen to find. "57 percent of the population voted for parties who have a No. Why should we now process the minority of Yes have to support? We demand that the government consensus - Laws be included notice that the right to Curacao is included, otherwise we will never agree," said Wiels morning. The Empire consensus - Laws were also today in the Dutch Gazette. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

Balkenende stayed away from politics

WEDNESDAY, 01 SEPTEMBER 2010 23:52

WILLEMSTAD--The recent visit of outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende (CDA) to Curaçao was purely and only within the framework of his concern about the constitutional changes. In no way whatsoever did Balkenende wish to exert influence on the local political process, in other words the efforts to form a new Island Government.

The aforementioned is at least what several local political leaders declared after they had spoken with Balkenende. During this visit, the Dutch prime minister himself categorically refused to speak with the local press.

Political leader of "Movimentu Futuro Kòrsou" (MFK) Gerrit Schotte said Balkenende wanted to be informed on the local political situation and what are the consequences, of such for approval or not, of the draft Constitution for the new country Curaçao.

The new Island Council that is to be seated on September 4 will have to deal with the draft. There must be clarity on the Constitution before September 7, as the Second Chamber of Dutch Parliament will be meeting on that day to decide on the commencement date of the amendment of the Kingdom Charter, enabling Curaçao and St. Maarten to gain the status of autonomous country within the Kingdom.

According to Schotte, Balkenende is concerned that the date for the final Round Table Conference (RTC) is in danger if there is no majority for the Constitution in Curaçao.

MAN list leader Eunice Eidsen also visited with Balkenende and said she made it clear that one will have to wait until Saturday when the new Island Council is seated.

"Pueblo Soberano" (PS) in any case will not cooperate with the approval of the draft Constitution in the Island Council. PS leader Helmin Wiels informed Balkenende accordingly.

Wiels was not pleased as to how the conversation came about. The PS leader received an invitation at eleven o'clock for a meeting that was to take place at two-thirty already.

Eventually Wiels agreed to the conversation that started at three o'clock and was to last forty-five minutes. During the conversation Balkenende also mentioned his concern about the financial and law enforcement situation in St. Maarten; the problems to get the amended Kingdom Charter approved by the Aruba Parliament and Curaçao to approve its draft Constitution.

As it relates to the latter, Wiels was very critical of the role played by the Netherlands. "The Netherlands fell into the trap that they had set together with PAR. They thought that the PAR would now win the elections with ten to eleven seats."

"However, as this did not happen, they are left holding the bag. I clearly indicated that PS would not cooperate. We oppose this Constitution and find that a new process should be started to realise a real

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Constitution for country Curaçao," added Wiels.

According to the PS leader, the conversation took place within the framework of a lobby with Balkenende attempting to rescue the constitutional process. "He sees they will not succeed and now appeals to us."

Balkenende was also in Aruba, where he also expressed his concern about the situation on Aruba relating to the approval of the new Kingdom Charter that the Aruba Parliament is discussing.

In case there is no two-thirds majority for the proposal in the first "reading," it will be put on the agenda again for a next meeting, in which it can then be adopted with a regular majority.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

Alternative coalition without PAR option

WEDNESDAY, 01 SEPTEMBER 2010 00:07

WILLEMSTAD--While the PAR has started its first attempts to form a new Curaçao Government as the winner of the Island Council elections of last Friday, another -alternative- coalition without the largest party should not be excluded.

One party likely to be part of such a scenario should it materialise is "Pueblo Soberano" (PS), which does not want to work with PAR. There are already rumours of an agreement in the offing between the parties MFK (five seats), PS (four) and MAN (two).

Together, these three parties have a minimal majority of eleven against the ten seats in the new Island Council that is to take office this Saturday. So far, however, all parties concerned have denied there is a question of official negotiations and have left it at "informal contacts that are currently being held between all parties."

The PAR-led negotiations under the direction of Antillean Parliament Chairman Pedro Atacho started Monday. A MFK delegation was the first he talked to, but political leader Gerrit Schotte was not present and board members Jorge Jamaloodin, Amerigo Thodé and Carol Capriles represented the white party.

Schotte indicated later that his party had in any case complied with the call from the largest party to talk about the forming of a new coalition. On the question whether official negotiations had taken place between his party and the PS and the MAN during the past days, he answered in the negative.

MAN was represented at the talks with Atacho by a delegation of three under leadership of party chairman Eugene Cleopa. He too denied there were any informal negotiations and said he had no knowledge of such.

The blue party went to the meeting especially to learn what the PAR's plans were regarding the future government of Country Curaçao.

A FOL-delegation, consisting of party leader Anthony Godett, Almier Godett and Juniël Carolina, met with Atacho in the afternoon. Anthony Godett expressed hope that the parties which acquired seats in the new Island Council would join hands to get the draft Constitution approved.

"We will respect all invitations that we receive. Although we have been contacted by other parties, we will only respond to official invitations."

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The PNP was the last party to meet with Atacho. Party chairman Imro van Wilgen and Norman Girigorie said it went to listen to what PAR as the largest party had to say. "As party we only have one seat and nothing to demand in this process, so we will listen and take our position based on the conversation."

PS leader Helmin Wiels had already indicated that he would not participate, as the pro-independence party wants nothing to do with the PAR. "At the last formation, we already pointed out to them that we are not prepared to form a government together with PAR, in view of the bitter experience suffered by the people and this country under the PAR for sixteen years already."

"We have not changed our viewpoint and have repeatedly indicated that under no circumstance will we cooperate with PAR," PS wrote in a letter to Atacho. Wiels underlined once again that he will absolutely not vote for the current draft Constitution when it is put to the vote in the Island Council.

In view of the constitutional change process, the formation must take place within a very short period. The new Island Council members are to be installed this Saturday, September 4, and the current PAR/PNP/FOL Executive Council's intention is to offer the Constitution to the Island Council to put it to a vote again that same day.

On September 5 the delegation of Curaçao is to leave for the Netherlands, because the Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament will be voting on the commencement date of 10-10-'10 for the amendment of the Kingdom Charter on September 7, while the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) to confirm that the new relations will indeed take effect is on the agenda for September 9.

For this reason, PAR wants to combine the two processes; the forming of a new Island Government and the voting on the Constitution. Therefore, without clarity on which parties will be forming the new government of Curaçao, the Executive Council will not forward the draft Constitution to the Island Council.

It must be clear for the party which government is to represent Curaçao during the final RTC, because on September 4, when the new Island Council starts, the current Executive Council will no longer have majority support in the Island Council.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

MAN, MFK and PS work on intent

August 31, 2010, 14:10 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Following the Pueblo Soberano (PS) also indicated non- PAR MAN wanting to negotiate the formation of a new Executive Board for Curaçao. According to PS leader Wiels Helminen is currently working on a letter of intent for negotiations between the parties MAN, MFK and PS, which should lead a new BC.



A delegation of the MAN was yesterday morning talking to PAR - negotiator Pedro Atacho (see photo). Last night the party promised further discussions with the yellow party off. MAN - president Eugene Cleopa : "We can not under these circumstances with the PAR in a public sitting. "

MAN – party Eugene Cleopa had this morning about a " draft " would be in circulation. He claimed to be unaware of the content because he is not directly involved in the "informal talks" now taking place. Also Wiels, which all in the hands of a negotiating team has stopped, did not know exactly what the draft is. However, he said that on behalf of three parties working on a Memorandum of Understanding. It is not known at what point these discussions are

located and when they are completed. Yesterday was a local radio station reported that the three would have been an agreement signed this morning but this was contradicted by Wiel.

While the informal negotiations will accelerate, PAR sat yesterday in the "formal formation talks "to the table with representatives of the parties' MFK, MAN FOL, and PNP. PAR Pedro Atacho negotiator described the talks yesterday as positive and informative. "We have all the questions that were asked, answered. The talks focused an informative character. "After discussions decided PAR MAN and MFK for further discussion to join. Continue discussions with the FOL and PNP was no longer necessary because, according Atacho the position of both parties already clear.

The agreement with MAN and the MFK had to take place this morning.

But in the evening received a letter from the Atacho MAN, which said the party no good to look into further negotiations with the PAR. Also informed MFK - party Amerigo Thode him yesterday that his party needed more time to talk with the PAR to evaluate. It was agreed that they talk more tomorrow. Atacho stressed the need to quickly clarify the formation process, given that a new Island will come to all this Saturday.

MAN : " Unable to PARs

In an explanatory memorandum MAN Chairman Eugene Cleopa that the sea could not possibly deal with the PAR. " For four years they have rejected any attempt to approach everything with 11-10 adopted. Despite all this, many voters cast their votes on us. We are very grateful to the voters and we will not disappoint them. We can in these circumstances, the PAR in a public sitting. "

According Cleopa, the MAN in the "draft" her twelve priority areas for the last election want to take. These

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include halving the excise duty on petrol, more flexible procedures to apply for permits and a new energy policy. Wiels will turn in the draft include a process that starts up a new Constitution for Curacao to come, involving all the stakeholders should be and that island will be independent. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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PAR wins elections, looking to form government with MFK

Written by Andre Huie Tuesday, 31 August 2010 00:09



PHILIPSBURG - The PAR party of Curacao won Friday's island council elections with 22,505 votes. Second runner up was the MFK with 15,949 votes.

The Pueblo Soberano (PS) party came in third with 13,881. Gerrit Schotte and his MFK party are still being viewed as the major winner of the elections on Friday.

Schotte noted that his party is a newcomer on the political scene and yet mustered up sufficient votes behind the PAR.

Leader of the PAR Prime Minister Emily de Jongh Elhage stated on Saturday morning that her coalition has been broken and that she will now start talks immediately to form the next government.

It is now being speculated that the next government will consist of the PAR and the MFK as the PAR has 8 seats and the MFK 5, giving them enough to form a government together.

The PS managed to get four seats, MAN 2, FOL 1 and the PNP 1 seat. Gonzalo Cuares of Z-86 radio in Willemstad reported on the formation of the new government of Curacao.

He disclosed that the constitution of Curacao will have to be dealt with in the coming days of an Island

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Council meeting scheduled there. The constitution has to be approved in the Island Council to prepare the island for the Round Table Conference in September.

This is imperative for Curacao to become a country come October 10, 2010.

Meanwhile, some experts believe that while the new MFK party could form the government with the PAR, party leader Schotte may want to become the first prime minister of Curacao.

The MFK could form a coalition with the MAN and the PS rather than the PAR, but this Cuales believes will present a challenge for this government to present a governing program.

Each party has different ideologies and some have big investment in the political campaign namely the MFK. The MAN party could go into this government with a key position with the PNP coming on board with an additional seat. This would create a 12 seat government pushing the PAR in opposition.

The differences in the government must be resolved amicably and quickly this week and it is a wait and see game as to whether the PAR will form a coalition with the MFK

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Amigoe.com (English)

Curaçao possibly without Board of Governors

31 Aug, 2010, 08:02 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Curaçao will be without a government if the political parties – who gained a seat in the Island-council during the elections of August 27th – do not succeed in forming a coalition before Saturday, September 4th.

The so-called Duncan Law that the States adopted last March, states that the new Island-Council of Curaçao and St. Maarten will implement the dualistic system en route to acquiring the country status within the Kingdom. That means it will no longer be possible for deputies to be Island-Council members. The Explanatory Memorandum on the law states, "After the dissolution of the Island-Council, an Island-Council will namely be formed of which those members cannot be members of the Board of Governors simultaneously. Within the framework of the political reformations, it is desirable to implement the dualism after the interim dissolution. The acting Island-Council of Curaçao at the time of commencement of the Constitution will namely receive the capacity of States of Curaçao."

In view of the fact that the Deputies David Dick (PAR), Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR), Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé (PAR) and Anthony Godett (FOL) will certainly be seated in the new Island-Council this Saturday, this means the island-territory Curaçao will be without deputies if no new coalition is formed between today and Saturday. It is not certain yet whether Humphrey Davelaar (PNP) will become a member of the Island-Council. The PNP gained one seat, but the party hasn't decided yet as to whom will hold this seat in the Island-Council. Davelaar will resign as deputy though.

Deputy Dick is the first to clear his office already. He is certain that the PAR in any case will not be part of a possible new Board of Governors.

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Amigoe.com (English)

Balkenende concerned about political process

31 Aug, 2010, 08:01 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The visit of the Dutch outgoing Minister-President Jan Peter Balkenende (CDA) was purely and only within the framework of his concern on the political change process. In no way whatsoever, does Balkenende wish to exert influence on the local political process, in other words, the process to form a new island government. At least that is what the local political leaders declare after they had spoken with Balkenende. During this visit, the Dutch Premier himself refused to speak with the local press categorically.

Political leader of Movementu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK) Gerrit Schotte says that Balkenende wants to be informed on the local political situation and what the consequences of such will be if one does or does not reach an agreement on the draft Constitution for the new country Curaçao.

The new Island-Council that is to be seated on September 4th, will have to go into the draft Constitution. There must be clarity on the Constitution before September 7th, as the Lower Chamber will be meeting on that day to decide on the commencement date of the amendment of the Statute, enabling Curaçao and St. Maarten to receive the status of country within the Kingdom. According to Schotte, Balkenende is concerned that the date for the final Round Table Conference (RTC) is in danger if one does not reach an agreement on the Constitution.

MAN party-leader in elections Eunice Eidsen also visited Balkenende and said she made it clear that one will have to wait until Saturday when the new Island-Council is seated.

The Pueblo Soberano (PS) will not cooperate with the approval of the draft Constitution in the Island-Council. PS-leader Helmin Wiels informed Premier Balkenende accordingly yesterday. Wiels was not pleased this morning as to how yesterday's conversation came about. The PS-leader received an invitation at eleven o'clock for a conversation that was to take place at two-thirty already. Eventually Wiels agreed to the conversation that started at three o'clock and was to last forty-five minutes.

Ensnared

During the conversation, Balkenende also mentioned his concern about the financial and judicature situation on St. Maarten; the problems to get the Constitution agreed by the Aruban States, and Curaçao to agree on the draft Constitution. Regarding this last point, Wiels was very critical on the role played by the Netherlands. "The Netherlands fell into the trap that they had set together with the PAR. They thought that the PAR would now win the elections with ten to eleven seats. However, as this did not happen, they are left holding the baby. I clearly indicated that the PS would not cooperate. We oppose this Constitution and find that a new process should be started to realize an actual Constitution for the country Curaçao", says Wiels, looking back on the conversation.

According to the PS-leader, the conversation took place within the framework of a lobby attempt from Balkenende to rescue the political process. "He sees one will not succeed and now appeals to us."

Balkenende will be leaving for Aruba today, where he will also express his concern on the situation on Aruba with regard to agreeing on the Constitution. Today, the Aruban parliament will be discussing the disposition decision to amend the Constitution. If there is not two-third majority for the Constitution amendment, it will be put on the agenda again in a meeting of the parliament this Friday, in which case it can then be adopted with a normal majority.

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Amigoe.com (English)

[De Jongh-Elhage and Jacoba not in Island-Council](#)

31 Aug, 2010, 07:59 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The Central polling station forwarded credentials to the 21 members who were chosen in the new Island-Council with the elections of last Friday. In the new Island-Council, the PAR has eight seats, the MFK five, the PS four, the MAN two, and the FOL and PNP each have one seat. Until now, two prospective members rejected their election.

Ministers may not be a member of the Island-Council. This was reason for Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage and Minister of Justice Magali Jacoba to decline a position in the new Island-Council. If the PAR is not seated in the Board of Governors, it is not precluded that the two would join the Island-Council. As of this Saturday, the PAR-party will consist of Zita Jesus-Leito, Glenn Sulvaran, Pedro Atacho, David Dick, Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé, Dennis Jackson, Malvina Cecilia, and Anthony Hollander.

The MFK-party consists of Gerrit Schotte, Jacintha Constancia, Jorge Jamaloodin, Gilmar 'Pik' Pisas, and Dean Rozier. With the PS, it regards Helmin Wiels, Lionel Jansen, Ivar Asjes, and Melvin Cijntje. The MAN will delegate Eunice Eisdien and Charles Cooper to the Island-Council. The FOL will delegate Anthony Godett, but it is still uncertain who will hold the PNP-seat in the Island-Council. A decision on this matter has not been taken yet, according to party-chairperson Imro van Wilgen.

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Curassow Clowns (Blog)

[Clock Spring Broken](#)

MFK, PS and MAN have announced they are plotting and scheming together to take over. As they have 11 seats together (over half of 21) that's a majority. No way PAR can team up with enough other parties, so pride will have a fall. About time too (they richly deserved it in their arrogance) but What Happens Next? No independence, as both MAN and PS are solidly against present arrangements. One side of their forked tongue they have utmost hate for colonialism, the other they'd just as soon postpone post-colonialism. The new *Eilandsraad* [island parliament] has to be ready for work next Sunday or for legal-technical reasons we won't have a working island government by then. Let alone make the magic 101010 independence date.

This would be slander if I didn't add explicitly that it's merely only just my personal view: MFK Schotte doesn't care one way or the other, as long as he can make money. Persistent rumors are that he paid voters (oh, for the good old times) and I believe them, based on his PH (Personal History or Acidity).

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

MAN does not want to PAR

MAN does not want the coalition with the PAR. That the President of MAN, Eugene Cleopa, last night in a letter to Pedro Atacho written. At the party headquarters yesterday to talk with the PAR was reviewed and released the two seats that the MAN does not want to use a coalition with PAR to form. Cleopa writes that the man with all the force 's commitment to the welfare of the people and that it is not in conjunction with the PAR.

Hey withdrawal of coalition talks with the man from the PAR, feeding rumors that the MFK and Pueblo Soberano try to come to an agreement with MAN. The party leaders of the MFK and Pueblo Soberano, Gerrit Schotte and Helminen Wiels, denying that the media clip. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Chairman MAN : "I have not signed "

7:36 p.m. Tuesday, August 31, 2010 | Source : Paradise FM |



Eugene Cleopa

PHILIPSBURG - " Partido MAN has not signed, which says Eugene Cleopa chairman of the blue party in response to reports that MFK, MAN and PS one reached agreement on forming a new Executive Board.

Talks with the PAR were stopped Monday night because, according Cleopa "there was no room in the PAR to discuss adjustments to the constitution ". That the process of political structure in view of the harbor threatening to beaches, with all its

consequences, the PAR themselves to blame, according to the chairman of the MAN. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Rumors about an " agreement Bonam "

Published : August 31, 2010 - 11:45 am | by [Editors Caribiana](#) (Photo: [RNW](#))

On Curaçao, the formation of a new coalition under way. PAR - negotiator Pedro Atacho yesterday almost all parties mentioned. Pueblo Soberano let alone by letter about no interest. The island is now buzzing with rumors that Pueblo Soberano with MFK and the MAN has already signed an MoU to work together to form the government.

It would be the " agreement Bonam. Together, the three parties account for 11 of the 21 seats. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Balkenende talks with the Antillean government and Curaçao BC in preparation for the Final - RTC on September 9 simply continued. Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage agrees that his unhappy visit as RTC chairman coincides with the formation.

Political situation in the Netherlands

De Jongh - Elhage hopes that September 9th will be a success. Balkenende has previously urged the West Indies to emergency because of the political situation in the Netherlands. Even now he insists on a speedy conclusion of the process. De Jongh - Elhage : "Nobody knows what will happen. Balkenende has led the process as chairman, he knows what was going on and how we have worked together to achieve this."

Meanwhile, Balkenende has all the group leaders in Curacao for an interview to talk about the conference. He wants to make clear the consequences if it does not go ahead, says De Jongh - Elhage. Meanwhile, PAR - negotiator Atacho almost all leaders talked for a group formation. Pueblo Soberano only declined the honor.

Intent

Tuesday Atacho talks continue with MFK and MAN. Meanwhile, the rumor buzzing that the two parties together with a letter of intent Pueblo Soberano would have signed. Also De Jongh - Elhage has heard of this intent. "We do not know. We need to see what happens. If she signs letter of intent, we, the PAR and should we go see what they do. This is democracy." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Gilbert Cijntje " MFK is govern land Curacao "

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The MFK will be the first government of the new country Curacao forms. Dr. Gilbert predicts that Cijntje in his political analysis of the situation after the elections on Friday, August 27. PAR winner could well be put offside. That history would repeat itself.

Cijntje refers to 1954 when the Statute was to be signed. Ephraim Jonckheer of the Democratic Party signed the Statute, while Doctor Moisés Da Costa Gomez of the National People's Party (now PNP) had conducted the negotiations for autonomy. Aruba also has a similar history. MEP polled by the separate status in 1986 was achieved by an ASF - government.

According Cijntje will Gerrit Schotte of the MFK, which was the second game with five seats, to approve the Constitution for Curaçao to the transition to the new situation to insure. " But that does not mean that a government with the MFK PAR (eight seats) will form. "

Good move

According Cijntje Gerrit Schotte has " made a good move. " He wants the Constitution at least two thirds of the votes is adopted, although now a simple majority suffices. The Constitution must be approved in order to dismantle the Netherlands Antilles. " Schotte has said during his campaign that he votes for a plus plus plus scheme. " This means that according to political scientist Schotte " very likely will form a government with parties other than the PARs.

Three stages

In the process of forming a new government to come Curaçao, distinguishes three stages Cijntje. The first period lasts until Saturday, September 4. The current Board of Directors will to Curacao that day in office. In the second stage, from September 4 to October 10 will be a new Curacao Island and have a new Executive Board. In the third period, the Island replaced by the parliament (States), and the Executive Board be replaced by the new government of the country Curacao.

RTC

Cijntje also says that the parties are reportedly holding discussions with each other, the MFK of Schotte, the MAN and the PS will delegate a delegation to the Final Round Table Conference on September 9, perhaps with the small parties FOL and PNP. " Then they will form a government that is definite in character, perhaps with a short program to come to 10/10/2010. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (English)

First attempts to form new BC

30 Aug, 2010, 08:03 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The PAR started its first attempts this morning to form a new Board of Governors (BC). The yellow party, who turned out to be the winner with the elections of last Friday, has invited all parties who have acquired one or more seats in the new Island-Council. However, Pueblo Soberano (PS) indicated they would not show up, because the party does not want to take its chance with the PAR.



PAR-negotiator Pedro Atacho received the MFK-delegation (from left to right) Carol Capriles, Jorge Jamaloodin and Amerigo Thode.

While the 'official' formation conversations started this morning, there were rumors buzzing about the past days on an agreement in the offing between the parties MFK (five seats), PS (four) and the MAN (two). Collectively, these three parties have a minor majority of eleven against the ten seats in the new Island-Council that is to start this Saturday. However, this morning all parties concerned denied there was a question of official negotiations and left it at 'informal contacts that are currently being held between all parties'.

The negotiations started this morning under the direction of PAR-member Pedro Atacho. A MFK-delegation was the first to arrive at the Welensali room of the Island-Council. Party-leader Gerrit Schotte was not a member of this delegation. The board members Jorge Jamaloodin, Amerigo Thodé and Carol Capriles represented the white party. Schotte indicated that the party complied with the call from the largest party to talk about the formation of a new coalition. On the question whether official negotiations had taken place during the past days between his party and the PS and the MAN, he answered in the negative.

The MAN was represented by a delegation of three this morning under guidance of party-chairman Eugene Cleopa. He too denied there was a question of informal negotiations. Cleopa stated he had no knowledge of such as party-chairman. The MAN wanted to seize this morning's conversation to especially learn what the PAR's plans were with regard to the future government of the country Curaçao.

A FOL-delegation, consisting of political leader Anthony Godett, Almier Godett and Juniël Carolina, are to call on States-chairman Atacho after noon. FOL-leader Godett expressed the hope that the parties, who had now acquired a seat in the Island-Council, would join hands to get the draft Constitution agreed. "We will respect all invitations that we receive. Although we have been contacted by other parties, we will only respond to official invitations."

The PNP will be the last party to call on Atacho today. During this conversation, party-chairman Imro van Wilgen and Norman Girigorie will be representing the PNP-party. The party will listen to what the PAR, as

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the largest party, has to say this afternoon. "As party, we only have one seat and nothing to demand in this process. Today we will listen, and take our view based on the conversation."

The second party, who was to call on the PAR this morning, regarded the PS. However, party-leader Helmin Wiels had already indicated this party would not be present, as PS does not want to cooperate with the yellow party. "At the last formation, we already pointed out to the PAR that we of the PS are not prepared to form a government together with the PAR, in view of the bitter experience suffered by the people and this country under the PAR for sixteen years already. We have not changed our viewpoint and have repeatedly indicated that under no circumstance would we cooperate with the PAR", the PS wrote in a letter to Atacho. The PS-leader underlined once again this morning that he will absolutely not vote on the current draft Constitution when it is put to the vote in the Island-Council.

In view of the political changing process, this formation process must take place within a very short period. The new Island-Council members are to start this Saturday, September 4th and the Board of Governors' intention is to offer the Constitution to the Island-Council to put it to the vote again that same day. On September 5th the delegation of the Curaçao government is to leave for the Netherlands because the Lower Chamber will be voting on the commencement date of 10-10-'10 for the amendment of the Statute on September 7th, and the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) is on the agenda for September 9th.

For this purpose, the PAR wants to combine the two processes – the formation of a new government and the voting on the Constitution. Therefore, without clarity on which parties will be forming the new government of Curaçao, the Board of Governors will not forward the Constitution to the Island-Council. It must be clear for the party which government is to represent Curaçao during the Final RTC, because on September 4th when the new Island-Council starts, the current Board of Governors no longer has a majority support in the Island-Council.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Formation starts

August 30, 2010, 14:51 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The PAR has started this morning with the first attempts to form a new coalition. The yellow party in the elections of last Friday as the largest was reached, all parties who have one or more seats in the new Island have obtained invited. Pueblo Soberano (PS) has indicated, however, not to show up because the party does not go to sea in the PAR.



The MFK delegation from left to right Carol Capriles, Jorge Amerigo Jamaloodin and Thode received by PAR - negotiator Pedro Atacho.

While this morning the "official" formation talks launched, buzzed in recent days by rumors of an imminent agreement between the parties MFK (five seats), PS (four) and MAN (two). Together, these three parties a minimum majority of eleven against ten seats in the new Island, which will take office next Saturday. All parties denied this morning, however, that there would be formal negotiations and held at the "informal contacts that currently take place between all parties."

Led by PAR - member Pedro Atacho, the negotiations started. The first person in the room of the Island - Welensali arrived, a delegation of the MFK. Party leader Gerrit Schotte itself was not part of this delegation. The board members Jorge Jamaloodin, Amerigo Thode and Carol Capriles represented the white party. Schotte said that the party has accepted the call of the largest party to the formation of a new coalition to talk. When asked whether formal negotiations in recent days have taken place between his party and the PS and the MAN, he replied in the negative.

The man was this morning by a three -man delegation led by party chairman Eugene Cleopa. He also spoke to that there would be informal negotiations. Cleopa said nothing of this as a party to know. The conversation this morning the man tried to seize especially by the PAR to hear what her plans are regarding the future government of the country Curacao.

After noon, a FOL delegation comprising political leader Anthony Godett, Godett Almier and wait on her Juniël Carolina State President Atacho. FOL leader Godett expressed hope that parties now have a seat on the Island have obtained to work together to draft the Constitution still get checkout process. "We respect all the calls we receive. We are called by other parties, but we only formal invitations."

The last party today Atacho would go long, the PNP. The PNP will be represented at this meeting by party Imro of Willow and Norman Girigorie. The afternoon party will hear what the PAR as the largest party has to say. "We as a party but a seat in this process and have nothing to demand. We will listen today and using the interview format our position."

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The second party in the morning had to go through PAR was the PS. But party leader Helminen Wiels had already indicated that his party would not be attending because PS does not wish to cooperate with the yellow party. "We made the final formation of the PAR has already indicated that we are not prepared for the PS with the PAR together to form a government, given the bitter experience of the people and this country for sixteen years under the PAR experienced. We have not changed its position and have repeatedly stated that we under no circumstances to de PAR will work together," said the PS in a letter aan Atacho. This morning, the PS leader stressed again that he never, ever, for the current draft Constitution will vote when the vote is brought into the Island.


This formation process, given the political change within a very short period. On Saturday, September 4, the new Island Council members taking office and it is the intention of the Board of Governors for the same day the Constitution to a vote again to offer to the Island. On September 5, the delegation of the Curaçao government to leave the Netherlands on September 7 because the House will vote on the effective date of 10-10 - '10 for the amendment of the Statute and on September 9 is the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) on the agenda.

PAR is thus the two processes, forming a new government and vote on the Constitution, to link. Without clarity on what the parties will form new government of Curacao, the BC the Constitution not to send the Island. For the party should be clear what government will represent Curaçao in the Final because RTC on September 4 when the new Island Council takes office enjoys the current Board of Governors no longer majority support in the Island. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Atacho talks to MFK, MAN and FOL / PNP

Monday, August 30, 2010 9:56 p.m. | Source : Paradise FM |   



Pedro Atacho

PHILIPSBURG - The PAR, led by Pedro Atacho this morning began the first attempts to form a new College Board. The yellow party in the elections of last Friday as the largest was reached, all parties who have one or more seats in the new Island have obtained invited. Pueblo Soberano (PS) has indicated, however, not to show up because the party does not go to sea in the PAR.

While this morning the "official" formation talks launched, buzzed in recent days by rumors of an imminent agreement (the agreement Bonam) between the parties MFK (five seats), PS (four) and MAN (two). The agreement would gelsoten in the house of René Rosalia in Bonam. Together, these three parties a minimum majority of eleven against ten seats in the new Island, which will take office next Saturday.

Pedro Atacho says not informed of this agreement. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Wiels will not talk to PAR

Monday, August 30, 2010 9:45 p.m. | Source : Paradise FM



Photo: René Red Hill

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Pueblo Soberano (PS) has indicated, however, not to show up.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

De Jongh - Elhage greatest Vote Puller

August 30, 2010, 14:46 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Emily de Jongh - Elhage was the largest tractor votes in elections last Friday. The PAR - leader received 15,563 votes. This is less than in the States elections in January this year. Then got De Jongh - Elhage 19,224 votes. Other large tractors votes on election night were Helminen Wiels (PS) with 12.132 and Gerrit Schotte (MFK) with 10.570.

Also in the January elections was Wiels the second largest vote puller. At that time he managed to win votes 9573. Schotte stood as number five on the list of the Lista di Kambio (LDK) and got 9313 votes. He gave it more votes than his former political leader and leader of the LDK, Charles Cooper. This was the time 5563 votes. In the elections of last Friday dropped the number of votes Cooper, who now number two on the list was MAN, to 332. A fall 5231.

Schotte after his former party colleague and leader of the MAN Eunice Eisdien number four who won the most votes. Eisdien received 3852 votes on election night and makes a huge leap in the number of votes compared to January. When she was number four on the list as 1137 votes. The number five in terms of votes, FOL leader Anthony Godett. After disappointing States elections in January, where he only got 2464 votes and his party has no seats, Godett has now been 3005, while the orange party now with a new office in the Island is represented.

PNP leader Humphrey Davelaar is number six given the number of votes cast. He won there in 1990. Compared to January, this is a regression, because at that time he won his first election as party leader 3406 votes. The DP was disappointing and does not back the new Island, but party leader Norberto Ribeiro knew how to win votes in 1958 and took a large proportion of the votes in his party were released, 3048, on his behalf. After following Pais Ribeiro leader Alex Rosaria with 1879 votes. In the last election as a member of the PNP Rosaria in 2007, he received 731 votes. The top ten most votes is full of tractors made by politicians who are not party leaders. These PAR - deputy of General Affairs Zita Jesus - Leito (1219 votes) and Omayra Leeflang (1211). The other two are the political leaders Errol Goeloe (laboral) with 225 votes and Carlos Monk (NPA) and 184 votes

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Other notable results Juniël Carolina (362) Almier Godett (253), Julio Constancia (120) and Mirna Louisa - Godett (1975) to the FOL. In the MFK, these Jacinta Constancia (948), Gilmar 'Pik' Pisas (787), GP Yves' Payo 'Schoop (735), Amerigo Thode (163) and Abdul Hakim el (176). In the NPA knew former deputy Farley Hernandez 11 votes to gain while Frank Kong alone in this election no votes. By Pais was former commissioner Mike Franco 119 votes and the number three Laureen Schenk earned 42 votes. When the PAR were the results of Justice Minister Magali Jacoba (698), Marilyn Alcalá - Walle (561), Deputy of Economic Affairs David Dick (468), Glenn Sulvaran (246) and Nico Cornelisse (257). When the Democrats are the results of Wendell Louisa (161), Phyllis Hernandez (129) and August "Chicho" Jonckheer (1987). Big surprises are in the PS René Rosalia (241), Lionel Jackson (200), Ivar Asjes (158) and Jaime Córdoba (284). When MAN is about Koeiman Hensley (462), Kenneth Gijsbertha (406), Eugene Cleopa (336), Edmiro 'Miro' Anita (177) and Giovanni Atalita (29). In the fall of PNP: Faroe Metry (871), Gimena van der Gen (207) and Humberto d' Abreu de Paulo (158). (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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PAR wins elections again

The PAR party led by Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage won Friday's early elections for a new Island Council that is to become the first Parliament of Country Curaçao by capturing 22,505 votes, good for six seats outright and two residual seats, for a total of eight.

However, the biggest winner can perhaps arguably be seen as "Movimentu Futuro Korsou" (MFK) founded less than three months ago by Gerrit Schotte, the biggest vote getter in the January Antillean Parliament election on the combined MAN/NPA/FK "Lista di Kambio." The new party ended up with 15,949 votes, good for four seats outright and one residual seat for a total of five.

Not only that, but MFK has a good chance of getting into government, as the current PAR/PNP/FOL coalition fell short of a majority of 11 seats in the 21-seat council, because the FOL led by Anthony Godett (4,813 votes) and PNP led by Humphrey Davelaar (4,590 votes) earned only one seat each.

Also a winner was "Pueblo Soberano" (PS) led by Helmin Wiels with 13,661 votes, good for three seats outright and one residual seat, for a total of four. The only other party to get seats was MAN led by Eunice Eisden with 6,529 votes, good for one seat outright and one residual seat, for a total of two.

A total of 75,549 valid votes were cast, for a turnout of 66 per cent. The seat threshold was 3,540.6. The Democratic Party (DP) with its new leader Norberto Ribeiro came fairly close to a seat with 3,043 votes, while PAIS led by Alex Rosaria got 2,198 votes, "Partido Laboral" (PL) led by Errol Goeloe 509 votes and NPA led by Carlos Monk 336 votes.

Because pro-independence "Pueblo Soberano" (4 seats) stated again last night that it will not work with PAR and is at any rate against the current agreements for the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, while MAN (2 seats) has also opposed the latter strongly, PAR (8 seats) is likely to look towards MFK (6 seats) to form a majority, possibly with or without (one of) the largest party's current coalition partners FOL and PNP.

There is of course also a possibility that MFK and PS opt to work together without PAR for a total of 9 seats, which combined with the two seats of MAN could form a minimal majority as well, possibly even complemented FOL and/or PNP. This is considered highly unlikely though, in light of the extreme position of PS concerning the process of constitutional change for Curaçao to become an autonomous country within the Dutch Kingdom.

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

PAR : Constitution highest priority

August 28, 2010, 14:34 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - It is essential to the draft Constitution to approve emissions, although the government coalition lost its majority yesterday. These were the first words last night by Prime Minister and political leader Emily de Jongh-Elhage of Partido Antia Restrukturá (PAR). With 22,505 votes, good for eight seats, won her party the Island Council Elections.

by our reporter *Dennis Pikero*

The result yesterday was that the PAR compared to the insular elections in 2007 with 1643 votes has improved. This progress also means that the party now has one seat: eight seats.

However, the 22 505 votes yesterday are no less than 4157 less than 26,662 yellow cast of the States elections in January this year.

Although PAR is now a seat at will, lose the island's coalition its majority, there Partido Nashonal di Pueblo (PNP) and Frente Obrero Liberashon 1930 Tue May (FOL) both elections yesterday entered into with one seat less than before, so there is a minority of ten seats (out of 21 in total).

Movementu Kòrsou Futuro (MFK), the new political organization of Gerrit Schotte, won by five seats on hold. Pueblo Soberano (PS) of Wiels Helminen continues to grow and now stands at four seats, while MAN new leader Eunice Eisdien two managed to get seats. These three parties are now working out of eleven seats.

After the final polling results, and in the victory celebration party in the center of the PAR to Fokkerweg begins, explains De Jongh - Elhage that "the people of Curaçao has again indicated that they want the party yellow finish the job." "This means that a 10-10 -'10 Island should be an independent country. "

All parties to the table

Antillean Prime moreover, that the "highest priority of the PAR, the Constitution checkout process to get". In this context De Jongh - Elhage informed her audience and the audience through the television cameras Tele Curacao last night that her party will take the initiative with all parties to sit down.



Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage of PAR said last night after the results of the Island Council election, her party with 22,505 votes again finished as the biggest, the biggest priority for the draft Constitution geaccordeerd get. The yellow party will in this framework, all parties approached for discussions on this and a newly formed Executive Committee.

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PAR - Chairman Glenn Sulvaran endorses this morning prompted the assertion of its political leader, that it is important to reach agreement on the Constitution. He deeply regrets that PNP and FOL deteriorated, making the island's coalition its majority lose.

To Sulvaran's opinion, except to accord ring of the Constitution, simultaneous efforts to establish a government with a strong basis for autonomous Curaçao. In this context, he explained that only a MAN clear position on the Constitution, namely that the blue party this concept of the Constitution will approve emissions in the event certain changes are made.

Sulvaran final states that the PAR - line yet to meet to discuss the path to walk and also to evaluate : "The fact is that the PAR will take the initiative for talks with other parties. Again, anyway, there must first be an agreement on the Constitution, otherwise Curacao by 10 to 10 -'10 no independent country. " (Translated by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (Dutch subscription)

PAR makes a hurry to form new coalition

August 28, 2010, 14:32 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The PAR is the largest party in a hurry to forming a new coalition for Curaçao. The yellow party, which won the Island Council election yesterday, with all parties who have obtained a seat for a series of invited talks, which will take place Monday.

A new Island of Curacao on September 4 to take office. The PAR is that on this day also vote on the draft Constitution for the country Curaçao, which is now on the table. There is urgency in the approval. It was the reason that the Curacao people yesterday went to the polls, and on September 9 in The Hague, the final Round Table Conference held. During these consultations among all partners Kingdom will final decisions be taken on the entrance of the new forms on each island, which is currently part of the Antilles.

MFK first

The PAR has a committee headed by President Pedro Atacho States responsible for the process leading to a new government of Curacao. First on the list to be able to receive the MFK Gerrit Schotte. Next Monday he will follow a schedule that PAR sent out to nine hours Welensali appear in the hall of the Chamber of the Island. At ten o'clock the following PS, the MAN is scheduled for eleven o'clock in the afternoon hours while the FOL (two hours) and PNP (three hours) are expected.

Normally, the largest party initiated the formation of a new government. PAR won yesterday with eight seats, followed by MFK (five), PS (four), MAN (two), FOL and PNP (both one). (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (Dutch subscription)

Dutch politicians and organizations find exciting results

August 28, 2010, 14:33 (GMT -04:00)

AMSTERDAM - Politicians and interest groups in the Netherlands Antilles to congratulate the politicians who won seats with the result and are eagerly looking forward to the negotiations for a new coalition.

by our correspondent *Otti Thomas*

"The big challenge is forming a new coalition, but it is however important that the process of constitutional change continues," said Raymond Labad of Movimentu Antiano i Arubano AR Promove Partisipashon. The large profits of the MFK and the PS and the slightly lower support for the PAR compared to the number of votes in the elections, in January he had expected.

Christian Union MP Cynthia Ortega -Martijn mentions the exciting result, since the current coalition can not continue. "I congratulate the MFK, Pueblo Soberano and PAR with the result. Now the onderhandeligen begin for a new coalition, which must approve the Constitution." The inzet daarvan and the result is difficult to predict, says the politician, who attended the elections on Curacao, where she is for family visits. "The MFK is a pro, plus, plus it is still unclear exactly what they want. Much space is limited. The current draft is negotiated with the Netherlands," said Ortega -Martijn.

Ronald van Raak of the Socialist Party, which, like Ortega - Martijn is a member of the Dutch- Antillean Affairs Committee, is categorical. "Curacao is now all the requirements for the autonomous status of the country. The finances are not yet quite settled, the police either. The Netherlands has already invested a half billion. Curacao Now if extra requirements are set, is more difficult to explain the Dutch citizen. We are confident in a crisis we must resolve," said Van Tap. The SP - politician hopes that the new coalition, of whatever ideological coloration, at least in the population will invest in education, in health care. "This gives them the confidence of the population. Only then can we begin to build up a independent country."

Bijleveld

Resigning Secretary Ank Bijleveld -Schouten (CDA) is confident of a successful outcome. "It is true that we must face the facts and that the government coalition that there was no longer a majority on Curaçao, so a new government coalition to come. What is important is that everyone would agree that the country must be abandoned and that the latter step Constitution is," she says in an interview with Radio Netherlands. (Translated by Google Translate)

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Schotte : "No more dictatorship in politics "

August 28, 2010, 14:30 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Political leader Gerrit Schotte Friday night was very pleased with the outcome. The MFK debut in politics with five seats in the Island. At the party building in Lindberghweg the atmosphere is still a bit left. Perhaps the supporters secretly hoped for more seats. Or is it because a new party and its members did not know how to interpret the results?

by our reporter *Gino Bernadina*

"We had previously thought we would achieve five or six seats. There are five now, so I'm happy with the result," Schotte said in an interview. Earlier in the day it was already clear that the party would score well. A large crowd of people accompanied Schotte in a true "mini jump- up " the streets of Julianadorp Jandoret and with a brass band and the popular band GIO to Sta. Clare School, where he released his voice.

After the provisional final results just before twelve o'clock at night came out, he knew one thing: what Schotte as the ' dictatorship ' of PAR sees in politics, has ended. The coalition has a minority of seats. " The parties must now listen to each other with the willingness to achieve a settlement, " says Schotte.

Majority Constitution

he means a solution with a solution to achieve majority support for the Constitution for the country of Curaçao. PAR's largest party should take the initiative. But for the MFK is paramount that a large majority in the Island supports the Constitution. Two months ago the vast majority of two thirds of the votes cast can not be found.

In principle, now a normal majority of half plus one of votes cast enough for the Constitution to approve. But the question is whether this ' normal majority ' to be found, because the coalition has only 10 of the 21 seats won.



An image of the mass of people who yesterday walked in procession, accompanied by Gerrit Schotte when he went to vote.



MFK leader Gerrit Schotte clearly shows who he will cast his vote.

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Schotte : "But one time in history, the country Curacao detach itself from the Antilles. So we have to lobby so that the most important document, the Constitution, adopted by a large majority. "

This means that the Constitution be changed, says Schotte not explicitly : " Pro, pro, pro to plus, plus, plus to achieve. A Constitution with added value, so about four years Curacao financial and judicial autonomy. We have much to documents signed, but that means we have four years here again to release. "

Schotte but now looks beyond the Constitution : " PAR has pretended that the Constitution is the most important document for the formation of a new government. This was the same error was committed in 2007 when a government was formed only on the basis of who would approve the final declaration emissions. After three and a half years there was little attention to other policies such as economic and social developments."

According Schotte succeeded on one side only of the political change to achieve based on what the people in 2005 has chosen the referendum, but on the other side should also be understood that a country does not only consist of a new constitutional status with a new Constitution. "A country lives and breathes it in the coming months, it is important that content be given to how the next four years will be governed. Does started with a clean slate, then no new debts are created. The balanced development should be developed so that problems are solved. It should not be a government that always fires extinguished by problems that they themselves created. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

PAR, MFK and Pueblo Soberano winners

Published : August 28, 2010 - 9:19 am | by [Gijs van den Heuvel](#)

PAR Government Party, the elections for a new Island of Curacao won. That made lieutenant governor and chief electoral Lisa Dindial around noon (local time) unknown. This will give the party the first right to a new coalition, but it is not easy.

The party of Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage ranges from seven to eight seats on the board, which has 21 seats. The biggest gain was for the party MFK (movement for the future of the island) of ex - MAN politician Gerrit Schotte, which only seven weeks ago was founded and is now five seats elected.

Pueblo Soberano

The Independence Party of Wiels Helminen, Pueblo Soberano goes from one to four seats. He portrayed himself as the only party that definitely against the new constitution will vote, which the state would be blocked.

The largest opposition party man who saw so popular Gerrit Schotte leave many voters lose and go from five to two seats. Two coalition partners of the PAR, the FOL Anthony Godett and the PNP, going from two to a seat. Thus the old coalition loses a majority in the Island.

Coalition

The big question now is how the PAR will form a new coalition. Party leader Emily de Jongh - Elhage will not simply MFK to go. Party critical of the reform process and will therefore demands. The alternative is a coalition with the losing party FOL, PNP and MAN.

The elections were quiet. The turnout was 66 percent, a rate little different from recent elections. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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[persbureaucuracao.com](#) (Dutch)

Coalition government loses majority in Curacao

3:09 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2010



PHILIPSBURG - With elections in Curaçao, the PAR of the Antillean Prime Minister De Jongh - Elhage a seat gains. Her party is from seven to eight seats in the Island, which has 21 seats. The coalition government has lost the majority in parliament.

Big surprise profit for the MFK, the movement for the future of the island. The party was only seven weeks

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ago and gained five seats from scratch. Independence Party goes from one to five seats.

Chances are that Curacao by the outcome of the parliamentary elections on October 10 is not an independent country can be. The Antillean islands to September 7 by a new constitution drawn up after which the House may be discussed. The emergence of the party MFK is the target date of October 10 to frustrate. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

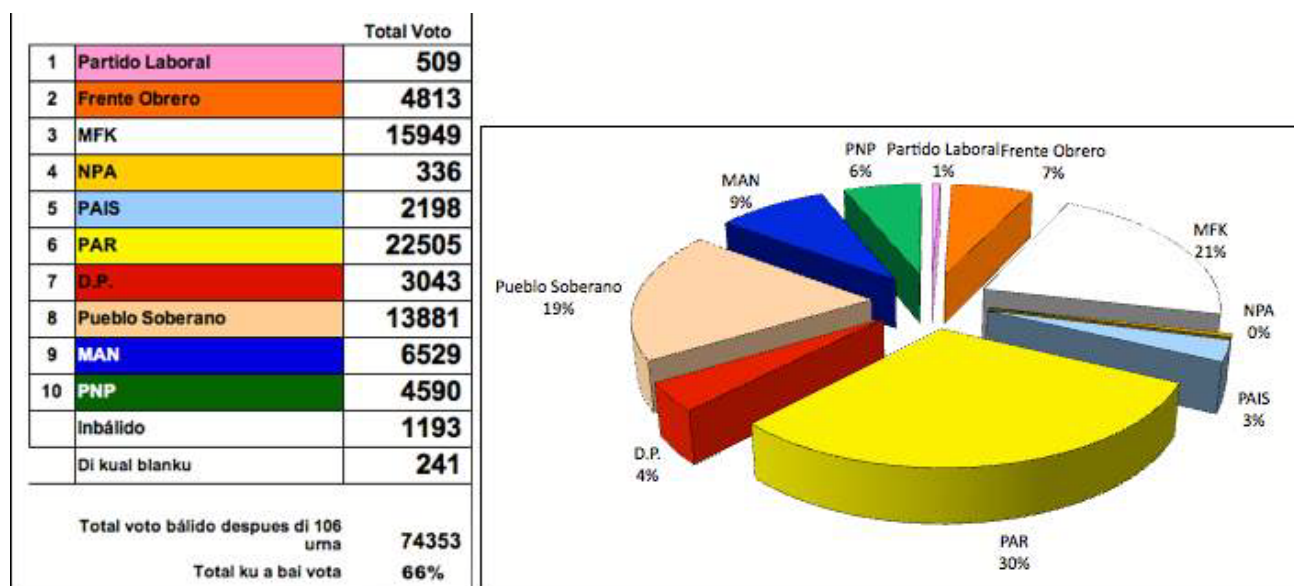
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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

PAR 's largest, and MFK PS gain sharply

Saturday, August 28, 2010 4:41

PHILIPSBURG - The Island of the 2010 elections with a turnout of 66 %, were won by the largest coalitiepatij, the PAR. With 30 % of votes may Elhage Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - morning start on forming a new coalition.



PAR achieves the 21 -seat Island 8 seats, one more than the last Island Council Election in 2007.

Newcomer MFK Gerrit Schotte won 21 % of the vote and is the party of the island became twwede. MFK seven weeks ago I was part of the largest opposition party MAN, who yesterday had hair loss and cash returned from 5 to 2 seats.

Coalition partner FOL Anthony Godett and Humphrey Davelaar of the PNP were both halved and each has a seat on the New Democrats of the DP raad.De disappear from the Island.

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Willemstad, Netherlands Antilles

PAR constitution would save MFK makes demands

Published : August 28, 2010 - 10:57 am | by [Gijs van den Heuvel](#) (photos : [René Red Hill](#))

The PAR is very happy with the election victory Friday, but a festive mood is hardly like the entire results are known. Although the party itself is making a profit office, the coalition loses its majority, and this makes it difficult to achieve the main objective.

The party wants to rush to a coalition, so the Constitution can be approved quickly. That should actually already within one week. Only then could 10.10.2010, the date scheduled Curacao an autonomous country within the Kingdom is met.

Chance

Party leader Emily de Jongh - Elhage says to talk with everyone : "We rule out anyone. Let them refuse." It states that the Constitution can not be changed without having to start all over again. "I want the people not do. Give us a chance here."

The biggest winner of the elections, the MFK of Gerrit Schotte, also supports the Constitution, but there is criticism. The MFK and PAR have a combined majority in the Island, but whether the cooperation between the two parties is still unclear. Schotte said "sure to put forward our points." A coalition on the other hand, without PAR is also a possibility.



[Gerrit Schotte](#)

Schotte, who until recently was a member of the MAN party, said that he was very proud to have seven weeks after the creation of his own party five seats championship. Schotte argued before an intensive

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and creative campaign, including many young people whom he knew to get excited. "I had been successful in the last elections as a person (he got more votes than the leader - MAN, ed), but now I have a team with a package of content."

not sell soul

MFK is a government "closer to the people" is less bureaucracy. A government without his party seems inconceivable Schotte : "The people clearly indicates that they Gerrit Schotte in government wants to see. "But the Constitution can not simply assume, "I sell my soul for a Constitution. I hope that the PAR has accepted the new parliamentarians." MFK will also assume that Curaçao in October an independent country, "But it must be well done."

The third winner, Pueblo Soberano Helminen Wiels leader, warned in his victory speech that the Netherlands is not the coalition process should become involved in Curacao. Cooperation with the PAR for Wiels excluded because he is independent and wants to stop the reform process.

Therefore, he suggested with all other parties to form a coalition "against the party in The Hague.

Whether it succeeds will depend on the demands of other parties, said Wiels. He has been negotiating committee ready. Pueblo Soberano also has an alternative drafted Constitution, which Wiels superior to the Constitution that the government has presented.

Losers

The losers lick their wounds. The MAN, from five to two seats, saw the popular Gerrit Schotte leave. Party leader Eunice Eisdien had therefore already taken into account loss of votes. "We have faced much turbulence. We had expected that would have an impact on the outcome. "Talks on a coalition is happy to Eisdien, as the man points in the program to be found.

The PNP lost one of the two seats in the Island and the other coalition partner FOL. Zita Jesus - Leito commissioner (PAR) of political affairs respects the choice of the people. They remain militant, but how the new coalition will look like they do not : "It will be difficult negotiations. "Time is short, because a week to be voted on the new Constitution : "We've overcome many obstacles. Again, we will solve." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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US Consulate News

Curacao – 114.828 People Eligible to Vote

The civil registry announced that 114.828 people are eligible to vote in the upcoming August 27, elections. **Electorate Island**

Parliament Elections

<i>Female</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Total</i>
61399	53429	114828

Country of Origin

Curacao	93063
Netherlands	6946
Dominican Republic	3107
Venezuela	714
USA	115
Others	10883
Total	114828

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Balkenende prepares for RTC

Published : August 28, 2010 - 3:03 pm | by [Editors Caribiana](#)

Caretaker prime minister Jan Peter Balkenende, the coming days in the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. He brings from Sunday through Tuesday with a visit to the islands in preparation for the final conference on the new constitutional relations within the Kingdom.

Balkenende is chairman of the so-called Final Round Table Conference, where the administrative process is completed. His visit will start Sunday in St. Maarten. As the Prime Minister speaks to the Governing Councils of St. Maarten, Saba and Sint Eustatius.

The next day he travels to Curacao. In Willemstad are talks with Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage of the Netherlands Antilles and the Executive Council of Curaçao on the agenda. On the closing day of the visit Tuesday, Balkenende flies to Aruba, where he met with his counterpart, Mike Eman Aruban. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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US Consulate News

Curacao – Political Shift; Support for New Constitution Grows

Various political parties have expressed support for the new Curacao constitution during a national televised political debate in the wake of the August 27, Island Parliament elections for the new Kingdom entity of Curacao. This election is necessary because a June 18, Curacao Island Parliament vote for the new Curacao Constitution did not garner a mandatory two-thirds majority. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority support in the legislature. A simple majority suffices to pass the stalled legislation after the election.

The Democratic Party (DP) and new parties PAIS, and Movement for the Future of Curacao (MFK) have joined coalition parties PAR, PNP, and FOL in their support for the new Constitution. The opposition parties Sovereign Party (PS), No Step Back (NPA), and MAN remain against. The inauguration date for the new Curacao Parliament is set at September 4. (Various media)

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

"No - voters are safe with Pueblo Soberano"

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The No vote against the constitutional reforms is only safe in Pueblo Soberano, because the rest of the opposition of the referendum in 2009 to go and vote for the Constitution. That said PS leader Helminen Wiels.

Wiels think the fixation of the PAR - 10-10 coalition in its fight for independence - '10 only will make it easier, because in '10 - 11-10, nothing will change. Pueblo Soberano closed Thursday August 26 as the last party 's campaign. That did not happen with a big party with drinks, food and music, but a reflection evening.

"We find our strength and stimulus to god. We hold an evening for reflection to gain power", the PS leader. In his speech Wiels regularly cites the Bible and makes a comparison with the current time on Curaçao. "Everything comes back in history. It's a cycle that repeats itself because human behavior does not change."

Glove

For the coalition is a '10 - 10-10 sacred date, says Wiels. Themselves to the PS leader did not go along. "We do not participate in such games. That's expectations on the people you can not play. After 10-10 - '10 you have the same problems, poverty, corruption and inequality and so on. The people expect the politicians that after that date all -glove, but that does not happen."

The voice of opponents of the constitutional reforms is safe with Pueblo Soberano, thinks Wiels. " The other parties not waver, they have the status change and the second reading of the Constitution adopted. they have chosen. It is now Pueblo Soberano and the rest."

Discontent

According Wiels his fight against federal laws easier. "The dissatisfaction will grow. The friction and frustration will grow. at some point, sooner than you think, my people will opt for independence. You 'll see, it is easier for me. I 'm happy."

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" polling well prepared "

August 27, 2010, 09:05 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The polling has spent weeks preparing for the elections today. For six hours this morning, from the WTC building Piscadera begun distributing the material to the more than 100 polling stations on the island. Expected between half past twelve and one o'clock in the morning clarity about the outcome of this election.

Kranshi head and vice - chairman of the Supreme Harold Daal said yesterday that everything was ready for elections. Yesterday afternoon, at six hours was all the material for the various polling stations under heavy escort you to the WTC brought. There it was in secured and sealed rooms left. Early this morning, the final preparations at the WTC, then at six o'clock in the distribution of voting material was started.

The presidents of the various polling stations receive a package with all accessories and forms for the elections today. For seven hours the polls on everything ready. An hour later, the elections are officially launched. There can be up to seven hours in the evening vote, after which counting will begin.



75 people on polling

The elections are a large enterprise, with Daal. On the Supreme itself will operate 75 people. The number of employees at the various polling stations is 557. This is excluding the police personnel and SKS, which in each polling station will be deployed.

During the day the Supreme three press conferences will give the media but also the entire community must be informed of the progress of the election. The first conference is scheduled for half past twelve in the afternoon, while the second will take place at five hours. The next and final press conference will be held as the preliminary final result was made public.

Today will be 114,828 people at 106 polling stations to vote. Until last Thursday were 1266 voters in the Supreme calling card pick. Even today one can still drop by the Kranshi Otrobanda building in order to get a polling card. One must have a valid identification with them. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amigoe.com (Dutch, subscription)

Tangle of issues in election

August 27, 2010, 08:59 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The campaign towards the elections today in many ways the candidates tried to draw the media and therefore of the electorate to get. The candidates presented their plans in recent weeks, policy, but also their wishes to the people of Curaçao.

One of the first who sought out publicity during this campaign, Eric ' Brother 'Smith, number 14 on the list of Partido Laboral. Brother Jackson, from any union, is committed to protecting the rights of workers on the island. In a press release from late last month he gives to strive for a society where social justice is central." In such a society, the rights of employees guaranteed. We will ensure that these rights will be guaranteed by law."

Phyllis Hernandez, number three of the Democrats, worried about the abuse of women on the island. In a press release it is committed to a national plan to address this issue and supports the efforts in this area of women's organizations and Cafrá Dedima, who have launched an initiative for this. But the DP candidate is also a plea for the necessary support for men who are guilty of abuse of women, so to avoid it again to repeat.

Hard hand

Milton YARZAGARAY is a newcomer to the list at number 19 of the MAN. Late last month, he presents a series of actions that he will make his central campaign. Free education for all, a credit of 25 guilders for relief tractors from a Paga ous use, once a week free bus tickets for benefit recipients and sixty seniors, a better control of products of first necessity of life and ultimately cheaper fuel and alternative energy.

Party member Giovanni" El Gio ' Atalita (number 14) is also a plea for the tough approach by the increased crime on the island. Attention to the districts on the island would cope with this problem. Also acting head of the Fire Edmiro ' Miro ' Anita (number 8 of the MAN) is tackling crime a priority. Other considerations include lower utility rates, a new hospital and a barracks building for the local fire department and a fund for the development of sport, music and art.

Sister Adriaens

Dominique Adriaens, the sister of former Minister Maurice Adriaens FOL. This time he is not on the list, but his sister makes her debut at number 18 on the candidate list of the FOL. In its own press release, it takes a plea for investment in the training of personnel for a job in the hospitality sector, in order to meet the demand for properly trained personnel.

PNP'er Kenneth Pieter (16) stressed that the Green Party is in favor of its own Olympic committee for Curaçao. According to Peter Curacao is strong in its efforts for Olympic recognition. Thierry Goeloe party member (14) shall in turn give priority to education, sport and culture. According Goeloe island also has many talents in sports and arts fields. He argues for the development of a system that local people using their talents to get scholarships to study abroad.

Also Constansia Julio (4) of the FOL sent a flyer to the media for his experience as director of UTS and Setel and later as Minister of Transport and to be strengthened in order to convince voters of his game. In his campaign, he committed to a public pension for all workers and a Telefasil no fixed subscription fees. Armin Konké (12) on behalf of the PAR climbed into the pen several times to positions of the opposition parties down saber. He mentioned the advocacy of the MAN for halving the tax a "mirage" because these

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parties oppose the political process object, making it 10-10 Curaçao not - '10 will be ready. This will only further financial problems for the island entail driving the tax cut is nothing more than an optical illusion. His party colleague and namesake almost Conquet Aron talked about included the need for additional incentives for teachers to come to the quality of local education to guarantee.

Not to Buy

The number two of the PS, Lionel Jackson, calls on voters to cast their votes not to buy through " money, food or drink, because your eyes are open. So no longer accept that parties such as PAR, PNP and FOL continue like Judas with deception and betrayal of those who voted on them. "Jansen calls on voters to vote for the PS "to back order, respect, integrity, standards and values and thus peace and transparency in our government apparatus to bring." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Analysis voters Island Elections: 114,828 voters

August 27, 2010, 09:04 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - An analysis of the voters, as made available by the Registry Office, gives the following results for the Island Council election today.

There are 114,828 voters spread over 105 voting districts in Curacao, 53,429 men and 61,399 women. 245 addresses of those electors are not known to the Registry. This figure should not be confused with the number of ballots not to deliver the mail.

1264 18 -year-olds were first called to vote. Voters over 30 years contribute most to the number of seats in the election. However, the youth are our future and constitute an important group of voters.

12.63 percent of voters younger than 25 years. If 'hoben' defined as young people 30 years and younger, the percentage shall be 19.29 percent, equal to 22.147 votes. Based on the turnout of the election of January 27 (65.41 percent) and an average quota of 3550, this is good for four seats. The stemdistricten where many people live / vote are: Barber / Tera Kora, January Doret / Boca Sami, Julianadorp / UNA environment, Ronde Klip, Sta. di Rosa and Montaña Rey.

80.71 percent of the voters is 31 years or older. There are 22 people 100 years or older will be on election day.

84.58 percent of voters in the Netherlands Antilles (read: Curacao) was born. The voters who were born outside the Kingdom are so naturalized Dutch. It is noted that these figures do not total understanding of the influence of this group in the election, because their children - those born in Curacao - Curacao in the homeland as voters.

The group home outside the Netherlands Antilles has 17,703 voters: 15.42 percent of all voters in Curacao. Based on the turnout of the election of January 27 this year (65.41 percent) and an average quota of 3550, this group accounts for three seats.

The four main subgroups: Dutch (6946), Dominicans (3107), Suriname (1420) and Colombia (1272).

The stemdistricten where many Dutch living / voices: San Willibrodus / Tera Kora, January Doret / Boca Sami / Julianadorp, Cas Cora and Sta. Rosa. constituency in 1985 (Brakkeput Ariba) constitute 38.27 percent of Dutch voters sued.

The Dutch are good for one seat. The Latinos as a group will also jointly with one office can contribute to the election. The other groups will be responsible for the third seat. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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AVS News Online

POLITICAL FORUM OFFERS LITTLE CLARITY ON POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

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MFK second party according to UDC-opinion poll

25 Aug, 2010, 08:04 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — According to the opinion poll of the University of the Dutch Caribbean (UDC), Movimentu Futuro Kòrsou (MFK), who will be participating with the elections on Friday for the first time, will become the second party. Twenty-six percent of the interviewees, who say they will cast a vote at the Island-Council elections of August 27th, indicated they would vote for the party of which Gerrit Schotte is the leader. PAR would remain the largest party, with 40 percent of the votes. This is translated into 10 seats for PAR and 6 for MFK.

According to the opinion poll, Pueblo Soberano (PS) will receive 12 percent of the votes and therefore become the third party with two seats. Seven percent want to vote for MAN, the former party of Schotte, implying one seat for the blue party.



Political parties contend one another to gain the voters' favor. Here, at the crossing of Julianaplein, one can see the palette of four parties. It is beyond doubt which party the owner of the vehicle will be voting for. According to the opinion poll of UDC, MFK would become the second party.

According to the opinion poll, DP would receive 6 percent of the votes and therefore one seat. Five percent of the voters would vote for PNP, which is good for one seat. Three percent would go to FOL and one percent to Pais. Partido Laboral and NPA supposedly both receive 0 percent.

With this, UDC points out that the margin of error with this survey is around 4 percent. Thirty-seven percent of those questioned for that matter indicate they do not know whom they will be voting for, or did not wish to say.

Confidence

On the question in which political leader he or she had the most confidence, nearly one quarter (23 percent) indicated they had no confidence at all. One third of those questioned (33 percent) has most confidence in the party-leader of the PAR, Emily de Jongh-Elhage. Gerrit Schotte (MFK) also scores points with 18 percent. Ten percent of those questioned has the most confidence in Helmin Wiels (Pueblo Soberano). Charles Cooper can count on 5 percent of the voters, Noberto Ribeiro on 3 percent, just like Humphrey Davelaar (PNP). Two percent mentions Alex Rosaria (Pais) as the most inspiring confident leader, and the same percentage applies for Anthony Godett (FOL) as most confident leader. One person mentions Errol Goeloe (Partido Laboral) as a leader, in which he has the most confidence, which means 0 percent for Goeloe.

Ninety percent of those questioned, say they will go to the polls. Seven percent does not know yet and 3 percent will certainly not go to the polls. The number of people stating they will go to the polls is substantially higher than the average turnout at elections in the past, some 60 to 70 percent. UCS states, "Although we also saw similar high numbers of potential voters in the past, the turnout percentage always

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appears to be considerably lower in practice.”

Those questioned for the opinion poll were approached by telephone, whereby one had taken a random choice of telephone numbers from a database of all fixed and mobile telephone numbers on Curaçao. In total, it regards data from 693 persons.

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Election fever is growing in Curacao

Wednesday, August 25, 2010 11:29 | Source : AP |



PHILIPSBURG - Curaçao has slowly but surely got election fever. Friday, 1927 augustus be elections for a new Island.

Long did the battle for the seats is relatively faint. But after a Monday night live on television and radio broadcast debate between the leaders of the ten parties participating nobody can go to. The elections are all the talk of the day came.

Friday choosing the more than 114,000 new voters the 21 members of the Island. Curacao is already looking forward to the years of lifting the Netherlands Antilles and the establishment of an autonomous state. The target date is October 10, 2010. Once the new status takes effect disappear States (parliament) of the Netherlands Antilles and changes in the first Curacao Island States. The current ruling party PAR is a good chance of winning elections, but also the MFK (Movement for the future of the island), led by the newly 35- year-old, charismatic Gerrit Schotte and the independence party Pueblo Soberano (Sovereign People) by Helminen Wiels score well in various non -scientific kept polls. As a first point for the new Island is on the agenda to approve cutting the new Constitution, which effectively autonomous Curaçao can be. Haste is needed because on September 9 to State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Bijleveld agree on the new status with a new government.

Ten of the six parties have committed themselves to a yes for the Constitution. Four against or commit conditions. On the street, in the media and by politicians, everyone agree that it is exciting how the Curaçao population ruling Friday. And especially how quickly after a new government. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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24 Aug, 2010, 08:14 (GMT -04:00)

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Political Forum provides little clarity on political landscape

August 24, 2010, 14:53 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - On the level of the political forum organized yesterday by Tele Curaçao in Teatro Luna Blou 'd better be dirty little words. It's every election back to how it is possible to organize a good forum with so many political parties together, in this case ten. There was hardly any substantive debate on topics of general interest.

Besides, there was a debate on a particular topic, it quickly turned into personal attacks on everything except the subject of discussion.

But as a viewer but nevertheless try information from a forum to get some one to form opinions about where the parties stand for and what the various political leaders have to offer as potential candidates for the country 's first prime minister to be Curacao.

An important issue is of course the constitutional change. Part of this is the draft Constitution for the country of Curaçao. This should be the final - RTC of September 9 by the new Island Council approved by a normal majority of votes cast, otherwise the target date for a country status, 10-10 - '10, in danger.

The debate yesterday was clear that Pueblo Soberano (PS) and NPA will vote against the Constitution. Apart from the PAR, PNP and FOL are DP, Pais and MFK are willing to vote for the Constitution.

The DP and Pais make it clear that she was not with all points in the Constitution that, but the process not to disturb them voor will vote with the intention that later changes are made. When MAN is it just different. That party looks like some changes before the Constitution was adopted. Partido Laboral (PL) better off waiting until the party representation in the Island before they publicly give an opinion on the Constitution.

Much more information about where the parties stand on key issues, took the spotlight yesterday. Clearly, Pueblo Soberano NPA and a clear socialist philosophy on hold.

It was at least strange to hear that PAR leader Emily de Jongh - Elhage, who has been a call to all political parties to board the constitutional change train to jump, scoffed that several parties / politicians who used "No " were so against the constitutional change, now willing to vote for the Constitution.

It was strange that De Jongh - Elhage a question about drug reimbursement for the elderly on the parties PAR, PNP and FOL was first given to Humphrey Davelaar and played through until finally answer the question. Especially for MFK leader Gerrit Schotte was reason to wonder whether De Jongh - Elhage enough knowledgeable on important issues to substantive public to enter into discussions.

Campaign financing was also a topic for discussion. Each re- election questions about who the contributors to the various parties. Schotte said the wealthy businessmen who support his party by name, but also pointed out that his party will organize activities to raise funds. Pais party leader Alex Rosaria said that his party gives full disclosure on the financing of the campaign at 74,000 guilders convenience. He pointed out however that it is not going to finance the campaigns of the favors but ways of looking at who should have stood if it partijen becoming part of a new government.

Who also did well or otherwise, any viewer is best for themselves. It was, however, that NPA leader Carlos Monk was relatively bright and Helminen Wiels, for him, are kept relatively quiet. DP leader

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persbureaucuracao.com (Dutch)

Also DP, MFK and PAIS for Constitution

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:43 | Source : Press Office Curacao |

PHILIPSBURG - "The support by the Constitution and before the political reforms is growing, "said Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage, yesterday after the television debate "For político "on channel 8 Tele Curaçao. The ten leading candidates of the parties participating in the elections on August 27 debated yesterday in Teatro Luna Blou.

Except coalition parties PAR, FOL and PNP will also DP, MFK and PAIS before the Constitution of the Country Curaçao vote if they are elected on Friday. Support of MFK is remarkable, because Gerrit Schotte has so far refused to explicitly support. Last night the party leader said the new party that he is "pro, pro, pro, but that the MFK with pro plus, plus, plus being. "

Pueblo Soberano (PS), Niun Pasa atrás (NPA) and MAN remain against the constitution and Partido Laboral (PL) wait.

After the election is in the Island Council renewed a simple majority, half plus one, the Constitution still need to approve. The reason for the elections this Friday is the first time the required two-thirds vote was not reached.

DP and PAIS believe that the Constitution still needs adjustment. "We want the process does not interfere, but changes are needed, "said Norberto Ribeiro of the Democrats. Alex Rosaria believes that it is time to go and will vote for, if elected. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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New status at midnight

21 Aug, 2010, 11:01 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — A big majority of the States approved the amendment of the Charter yesterday afternoon so that Curaçao and St. Maarten can become self-governing countries and the islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES) can become part of the Netherlands. The amendment was approved with 17 votes in favor and 4 dissenting votes.

Articles I and II of the Statute Law amendment Charter in connection with the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles will become effective per October 10th 2010 at twelve o'clock midnight on Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, and at six o'clock in the morning (at the same moment) in the European part of the Kingdom. With this, the new statuses will become effective.

This is mentioned in the draft for the Royal Decree to commence the Statute Law amendment Charter in connection with the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles, which outgoing State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) also on behalf of the Minister-President and the Minister of Justice forwarded to the Lower Chamber. The Statute Law must be published in the Statute Book, the Publication Book of the Netherlands Antilles and the Proclamation Book of Aruba.

In the accompanying letter, the State-Secretary writes, "By letter of October 5th 2009, I forwarded your Chamber the agreement which I concluded on September 30th 2009 on behalf of the Dutch government with the government of the Netherlands Antilles and the Boards of Governors of Curaçao and St. Maarten with regard to the intended transition date of October 10th 2010. This agreement includes the conditions for the actual occurrence of the transition per this date."

Aruba

Amongst others, the acceptance by the States of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba of the Statute Law to amend the Charter falls under these conditions. The States of the Netherlands Antilles approved the amendment of the Charter yesterday. Aruba is yet to approve the Charter amendment, but no problems are expected there. Aruba will hold a meeting next Tuesday as to when they will discuss the amendment of the Charter.

Another condition regards the determination by the Island-Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten of the draft Constitutions of the new countries. St. Maarten has realized this, but as known, the required two-third majority was not realized on Curaçao, so that elections will be held next Friday for a new Island-Council.

In addition, one has to approve the plans of approach for the country tasks, which tasks the new countries cannot perform independently as yet. These plans will be reviewed by the preparatory committee RTC and agreed by the Final Round Table Conference on September 9th.

"During the summer recess, those on this and the other side of the ocean have worked and are still working hard to comply with these conditions, to realize that the political reformations of the Kingdom could become effective on the intended transition date of October 10th 2010" according to Bijleveld.

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New status at midnight

August 21, 2010, 14:17 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - A large majority of the States yesterday agreed to the amendment of the Statute, so that Curacao and St. Maarten to be autonomous countries and islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES) can be integrated part of the Netherlands. The amendment was passed by 17 votes to four against approval.

Articles I and II of the Act of the amendment Regulations relating to the lifting of the Netherlands Antilles, will enter into force on October 10, 2010 at twelve o'clock at night in Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten, Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba and six hours in the morning (at the same time) in the European part of the Kingdom. You will lose the new statuses.

This is in the draft Royal Decree into force of the Kingdom Act amending Statute relating to the lifting of the Netherlands Antilles, the caretaker Minister Ank Bijleveld - Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA), also on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister of Justice sent to the House. The Realm, in the Gazette, the Official Journal of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba will be published Journal of Proclamation.

In the accompanying letter the Secretary of State: "By letter dated October 5, 2009 I received your contract to the Chamber I on September 30, 2009 on behalf of the Dutch Government with the Government of the Netherlands Antilles and the Governing Boards of Curacao and St. Maarten have closed with respect to the planned transition date of October 10, 2010, conditions contained in this agreement for the actual passage of the transition by this date. "

Aruba

Under these conditions is that of acceptance by the States of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in the Kingdom Act amending the Statute. Yesterday, the States of the Netherlands Antilles approved amendments to the Statute. Aruba, the Statute Revision is approved, but no problems are expected. Next Tuesday is a meeting about Aruba as the amendment of the Statute is discussed.

Another condition is the adoption by the Island Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten in the Draft Constitutions of the new countries. St. Maarten has done, but was known as Curacao lacks the required two-thirds majority to be found, leaving Friday elections will be held for a new Island.

Also, the plan of action for the country functions, the new countries at the transition date has not independently carry out, be approved. By the Preparatory RTC, these plans will be assessed, and the Final Round Table Conference on September 9 checkout process.

"During the summer and is on both sides of the Atlantic have worked hard to meet these requirements, to ensure that the constitutional reforms of the Kingdom of the planned transition date of October 10, 2010 can enter, "said Bijleveld. (Translated by Dutch by Google Translate)

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US Consulate News

Antilles – Parliament Approves Kingdom Charter Amendment

The Antillean Parliament approved a Kingdom Charter amendment which is required to formalize the Netherlands Antilles dismantling process. The vote which needed a two-thirds majority, because it is a Kingdom Charter amendment, was passed by a 17-4 margin. The Democratic Party Statia, Democratic Party Bonaire, and pro-independence Curaçao opposition party “Pueblo Soberano” (PS) voted against the charter change. (Various media)

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Kingdom charter amendment approved by Parliament

The Antillean Parliament approved the amendment to the Kingdom Charter on Friday evening after much debate with a 17-4 vote margin. This formalises the emergence of new countries St. Maarten and Curaçao with the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles on October 10.

A two-thirds majority was needed for approval.

Reginald Zaandam of Central Government coalition partner DP-Statia, Democratic Party of Bonaire, and the two members of pro-independence Curaçao opposition party "Pueblo Soberano"(PS) voted against the charter change.

The change makes possible the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles for Curaçao and St. Maarten to become countries within the Dutch Kingdom, while the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba will become Dutch public entities.

Zaandam said his island had voted to remain in the Antilles and he had big problems with the lack of equality between inhabitants of St. Eustatius and the rest of the Netherlands. In his view, all kinds of things are being dictated to the BES islands, yet their people do not have a right to same treatment they would receive in the Netherlands.

"Lista di Kambio" opposition faction member Eunice Eisdien (MAN) said the Charter change would not give the people what they had voted for in the 2005 referendum. Nonetheless, she voted for it in the end.

PAR faction member Glen Sulvaran spoke of an historic occasion to take the next step to realise the constitutional wish of the people. "We have the key to give the population what it wants."

With Zaandam voting against, the Central Government coalition would have been left with only 13 seats in favour, two short of the 15 needed for a two-thirds majority in the 22-seat legislature. One parliamentarian was not present for the meeting.

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Radio Netherlands (English)

[Antilles parliament makes dissolution possible](#)

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The parliament of the Netherlands Antilles – the States – voted on Friday afternoon to alter the document that controls its relations with the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The alteration, already approved by the Dutch parliament, makes the proposed dissolution of the Antilles possible.

Following a long sitting, happy parliamentary chairman Pedro Atacho, called Friday an historic day. Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage was also pleased and said the decision made the 2005 referendum a reality.

In 2005, the population of one of the Antillean islands, Curaçao, voted for independence. This led to the Dutch government and the Netherlands Antilles discussing a new political structure for the five-island group situated in the Caribbean off the northern coast of South America.

The intention is that on 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles is to be dissolved as a single political entity. The islands of Curaçao and Sint Maarten will become independent countries within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The islands of Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius will become 'special councils' of the Netherlands.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

[Antillean States agrees to amend Regulations](#)

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The parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, the States, on Friday, August 20 approved the amendment of the Statute. The change makes the possible lifting of the Antilles. The House had already approved the Statute Revision.

Of the 21 present members of the States voted against four : Reginald Zaandam, the representative of the DP Statia, Bonaire member of the States The Bill Beech Tree (PDB), and two members of the States Parties of the Curaçao Pueblo Soberano, Helminen Wiels Ward and Lia. Seventeen members voted for. The Parliament of Aruba bends soon on the proposal. This is because the assemblies of all partners of the Kingdom - the Netherlands, the Antilles and Aruba - are amendments to the Statute must say.

A happy President Pedro Atacho States said yesterday after a parliament meeting a historic day. Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage was also pleased. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Board considers two days for Final RTC

August 21, 2010, 14:14 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Two days before the Final RTC on September 7, immediately after the summer break will Bijleveld the debate on the draft Royal Decree into force of the Kingdom Act amending Statute relating to the lifting of the Netherlands Antilles perform with the House.

"So the government in the Final Round Table Conference on September 9, 2010 with the mandate of your room can talk, "said Bijleveld in a letter to Parliament. She promises the House no later than the end of the summer recess by letter about the state of play regarding the implementation of the agreed terms, "to enable you to make the debate on the latest advances in this area be aware."

Bijleveld also will send the adopted plans of action, which will fall under the Cooperation Arrangement ensure action plans country cease Curacao and St. Maarten, the country functions performed by the countries not yet able to perform independently. This will at the State House under the "all necessary information at your disposal for an evaluation to be informed about the date of transition." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Amidoe.com (Dutch, Subscription)

" finish line in sight "

August 21, 2010, 14:15 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - Zita Jesus - Leito Executive Council (General Affairs, PAR) and I am delighted at the decision of the States to the Statute Revision be approved. According to the commissioner, there are still some obstacles that must be overcome. "The end is in sight."

States began yesterday with 17 votes to 4, agreed to amend the Regulations so that Curacao and St. Maarten autonomous country within the Kingdom and be the BES islands can be part of the Dutch polity. Jesus- Leito states in a comment that she had expected that the States approve the amendment would reduce, but they had not assumed the MAN would support the document.

Change the Statute has been accepted by the Dutch Senate and the House approved. After approval by the States yesterday, the next week on Tuesday the 24th turn of the States to Aruba to look into this issue in a central committee meeting. In late August, the public hearing held. As well as the Aruban Parliament gives green light, according to the commissioner are a few hurdles to be taken. It points to the elections this coming Friday. The coalition, which now has a say in Curacao, is committed to a majority that the draft Constitution of the country Curaçao will have to approve. The elections of the 27th are necessary because during initial treatment of the concept of a two-thirds majority could be achieved.

After the elections this Friday will be on September 4 to a new Island office, located on very short notice on the draft Constitution will have to bend. There is hardly involved, because the Dutch Lower House on September 7 by a so-called 'veil' procedure will have to consider the effective date of the new entities.

If this barrier is also imposed, it remains for the Final Round Table Conference in The Hague on September 9, followed on October 10, 2010 islands, which are part of the West Indies, all of their new political status will be given. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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DP Statia and PS vote against Charter amendment

20 Aug, 2010, 12:46 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The States started a historic meeting this morning, in which they will have to approve the amendment of the Charter. The amendment departs from the fact that the Charter is adjusted, so that Curaçao and St. Maarten become countries in the Kingdom, but also that the islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES) become part of the Dutch government.



The amendment of the Charter of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is one of the points, which the States is discussing today. The meeting was held in the presence of members of the De Jongh-Elhage cabinet.

The approval of the amendment requires a two-third majority. During the first question round, it became obvious very quickly, that two parties would vote against the amendment. Representatives from Pueblo Soberano (PS), Lia Willems and Helmin Wiels indicated they were not an advocate of the amendment. "We do not believe in a self-governing status within the Kingdom.

One can never be self-governing in the Kingdom. Curaçao will not get the powers, which the country the Netherlands Antilles currently has. Our Justice and police are in the hands of another country. As PS, we believe in a sovereign Curaçao that is free of colonialism and suppression" according to Willems. Wiels adds that voting in favor would imply that the supporters would be judged by the history. Reginald Zaandam (DP Statia) also declared he would vote against. At their referendum, St. Eustatius voted in favor of preservation of the Antilles, but will now become part of the Netherlands together with Bonaire and Saba. Zaandam stated he had huge problems with the fact there was no question of equality between the inhabitants of St. Eustatius and the rest of the Netherlands. "Equality must be there," says Zaandam. He particularly stated he had problems with the fact that all kinds of matters would be imposed on the islands, but that they are not entitled to the same treatment one enjoys in the Netherlands.

Eunice Eisdien (Lista di Kambio - MAN) interposed as to how the blue party would vote, but indicated that the amendment would not lead to what the population had voted for during the referendum of 2005. "We will become a country, but not a self-governing country. The word self-governing country is not even mentioned in the entire document. This is not a document en route to independency. However, we do respect democracy. We ended up here due to a minor majority." According to the MAN party leader in election, the government did not offer an opening to come to a dialogue. According to Eisdien, the blue party will continue to fight for the emancipation process of the Curaçao people.

PAR-member Glenn Sulvaran described today's meeting as a historic event and the next step en route to realize the new political wish of the people. "We still have two steps to go. As States, we must agree to the amendment of the Charter. As parliament, we hold the key to give the people what they want."

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Overseas Territories Review

Caribbean Guilder?

If reports coming out of Willemstad are correct, the future countries *St. Maarten* and *Curaçao* will share a new currency to be called "*Caribbean guilder*" in six to nine months. While this is directly related to the constitutional changes and dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, it won't be possible on 10-10-10, when the new relations within the Dutch Kingdom are to take effect.

However, nobody seems to be able to explain why a new joint currency is needed in the first place. After all, the intention is to peg the "*Caribbean guilder*" to the *US dollar* in exactly the same manner as the *Antillean guilder*, as also was done with the *Aruba florin* when that island gained its separate status.

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St Maarten Island Time

PAR in command

By St Maarten Island Time

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WILLEMSTAD - It's the last week before elections in Curacao and many pundits have assumed that the PAR party will win this race.

The race is now on for the second place party, which Curacao journalist Gonzalo Cuales said is up for grabs.

For PAR, Cuales believes it just a matter of how many votes they can retain and gain.

The MAN party was the main favorite for that space, but due to the split in the party since the last elections, many think it may not win the second most votes.

One party member who got 10,000 votes, is running separately from the MAN and was able to attract campaign funding for the party while he a part of it.

The last election, MAN managed 23,000 votes but many are wondering if the party could get even 12000 votes this time.

The Democratic Party is optimistic of gaining that position but many political experts are not quick to place them on that pedestal. It is yet to be seen what will happen but the parties are gearing up for what promises to be Curacao's most important election ever.

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Amigoe.com (Subscription, Dutch)

Cooper : Old Island Constitution to vote

August 19, 2010, 14:26 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - MAN leader Charles Cooper challenges the coalition parties PAR, FOL and PNP to check, after the elections, the current Island Council on the draft Constitution to vote.

According to former and current council member MAN PAR member Armin Konket this is not possible.

Cooper was not agree that the PARs elections again in a referendum on the constitutional future of the island late lead. According to the MAN - leader of a political structure are matters play in the upcoming elections. Which according to Cooper, it is that on August 27 the population the opportunity for its elected representatives for the next four years to choose.

The man remains, however, that the concept for the Constitution should be amended. Thus, there must be included in the concept that convicted MPs suspended, that all natural resources to the people and to enter all the beaches and national parks should be freely accessible. The coalition parties that make adjustments to the Constitution the date for a new country Curacao by 10-10 in '10 - risk. But Cooper and MAN this point of the hand.

"If they want to make the election a referendum, then I challenge them. If the coalition parties have seats more than eleven, there is nothing wrong, then they can adopt the Constitution. But if a majority of parties that want to change the Constitution, then the coalition parties and the bare buttocks. "

According to Cooper Island today, within two days after the elections in an open meeting by the people desire it serviced.

By Staff

Armin Konket (PAR) does not agree with Cooper that the MAN leader has nothing to understand. Konket speaks of a typical case of the clock read hear, but do not know where the clapper hangs. If the old Island is about bending the Constitution, it will go according Konket against the Statute of the Kingdom.

The involvement of the current Island was, according Konket ended, on July 18 when a two-thirds majority for the concept was met. It is now up to the new Island on August 27 will be chosen, according Konket. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Secco: Vote for future Curaçao

18 Aug, 2010, 13:14 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Every vote casted on Friday, August 27th is a vote for the future of Curaçao. Bishop Luis Secco states this in his pastoral epistle in connection with the Island Council elections next week Friday.

In his epistle to all believers, Secco emphasizes the importance of the next elections. One will not only choose new Congressmen, but also the casted vote will be very important for the challenges currently experienced by the island on amongst other political field. "Without mentioning the economical, social political and moral status of our society, but a vote for one of the candidates will be a vote for the future of our island."

The bishop urges all candidates and parties to be aware of the huge responsibility they have as political leaders with regard to the future development of the island. It is important the parties concerned inform their people of their action program, vision and plan for the future that guarantees an acceptable living standard for everyone."

According to Secco, parties should therefore campaign for honesty and transparency – as important role. Secco also calls on the people to make use of the holy right to vote on the 27th and to vote for the candidates who are not only authorized but also conscientiously and compromise minded. According to Secco, the Catholic Church will always be prepared to contribute towards the development of the new country Curaçao. "We shall bear our responsibility to form our community, based on the principles of truth, justice and charity."

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DJ's sell their vote

18 Aug, 2010, 13:15 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — DJ's Maarten Schakel and Tony Casto from Dolfijn FM are going to sell their vote. The proceeds are meant for boarding school Huize St. Jozef. The opening bid was 125 guilders and is now at 135 guilders.

Schakel states that with the ludic actions, he also wants to boost the discussion on the elections of August 27th, with which as much as 10 parties will participate. One can keep track of the various reactions amongst others via the Facebook page of the radio station. One may consider the action as good, while the other thinks the DJ's are encouraging bribery. "Does this differ, if a political party offers to pay someone's electricity bill in exchange for a vote? Schakel asks as example.

Not punishable

Harold Daal from the Registry Office declares the electoral regulation does not consider the selling of one's vote as punishable. Voting occurred by proxy in the past, but this is no longer possible, as it was easier to sell a vote. A few years ago, someone in the Netherlands offered his vote via Marktplaats. According to the Dutch Penal Code, this is an offence for both the one offering and the one buying.

Schakel states he has already received bids from a PAR-supporter and from Alex Rosaria (PAIS), although the latter denies such. "Such action is at the expense of the democracy. One makes the entire voting process ridiculous. One can actually contribute towards a changing process upon casting one's vote."

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WIC flag on coat of arms Curaçao

18 Aug, 2010, 13:16 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The country Curaçao will receive the coat of arms of the Island territory Curaçao. However, this coat of arms prominently has the flag of the West India Company (WIC), according to PS-leader and Island council member Helmin Wiels. “I can’t believe one would include a symbol of colonization and oppression in our coat of arms upon the commencement of a new country.” The coat of arms consists of a complete decked three-master war ship in full sail on a blue sea. The foremast has a flag with coat of arms of Amsterdam, while the aftermast shows the flag of the West India Company (WIC). The coat of arms further has a green orangetree with orange apples standing on green ground and a heart coat of arms with a black pole with three shortened St. Andries crosses. The coat of arms also has a golden crown with five leaves.

Bearing fruit in the future

Earlier this week, the Board of Governors forwarded a letter to the Island Council mentioning the proposal. This proposal is expressed in the Island-regulation for decree of the draft National-regulation to determine the coat of arms of Curaçao. The explanatory memorandum with the National-regulation does not mention the WIC in the description of the coat of arms at all. “The coat of arms displays a crown in the top that expressed the bond with the Dutch Royal Family. The left side of the coat of arms shows a sailing ship that portrays the trade. Amsterdam is shown in the middle of the coat of arms, that portrays the age-old trade bond with Amsterdam. The righthand side shows the Orange tree (laraha citrus tree) bearing fruit – also in the future.”

PS-leader Helmin Wiels has opposed the coat of arms of Curaçao for some time now. Island council members always receive a pin of the coat of arms of Curaçao, which they could wear. “I refuse to wear a pin that symbolizes oppression and colonization. The WIC symbolizes all of this and was one of the first multinationals, that became a huge company due to the human trafficking. I find it unacceptable that upon starting a new country we stick to symbols of oppression and colonization. We should get rid of these symbols, just like we should get rid of the names West India Company street, Peter Stuyvessant College and Johan van Walbeeckplein.”

Aim for reconciliation

PAR party-chairman in the Island Council Dennis Jackson argues for looking at this matter soberly and without emotion. “Of course, we are not pleased with slavery, but we do have a bond with the Netherlands after all these years. A bond, which we really cherish. I believe we should not resurrect this discussion again. It’s part of our history and we just rehabilitated (slave-leader, red.) Tula. We must avoid the course of continuous confrontation and aim more for reconciliation, certainly now that we are en route to the new country Curaçao.”

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[A small number of officials waiting](#)

15/08/2010 1:37 p.m. | Charlotte Bee Field



Curacao - Almost all officials have now received a letter of appointment offered by the government. According to Zita Jesus - Leito, commissioner of state structures, only fifty officials are still waiting on their offer.

The reason this group of officials even longer wait for their offer letter, according to Jesus - Leito because they offer even more had to be checked. But the latter group may soon expect the offer, because it is hard at work.


feet high

The intention was that last Monday 4371 all officers their offer letter in their hands. But unfortunately this government has not succeeded. The officials were very angry about this and arrived Thursday in revolt at Fort Amsterdam. Some officials have already received the letter itself, but was not satisfied with the content and also demonstrated it. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Curacao Nieuws

[Bonaire referendum postponed](#)

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KRALENDIJK - A majority of the Island of Bonaire has decided Friday, August 13 referendum on Bonaire indefinite postponement.

The referendum gave a committee has indicated that they needed more time for the information campaign and that the interpretation of the problem was that a referendum on self determination is. Also revealed that it is unusual that the electoral rolls closed on August 12 to October 1 on the referendum to take place, while the date until August 13 is fixed.

Date

Lieutenant Glenn Thode, who besides Island President is also chairman of the polling, believes that it is not illegal but is unusual for the registry to close before a date for the referendum was adopted.

The Island Council and the Executive have now been given more time to prepare for the referendum. Commissioner of Finance Anthony Nicholas charged at the public meeting that the referendum is certainly a half million dollars will cost. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Emergency meeting civil servants on offers

13 Aug, 2010, 12:18 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Civil service union Abvo convened an emergency meeting for its members who have not received an offer for a position in the new country Curaçao yet. Despite several promises from the government, the Abvo states it was informed that numerous civil servants would not receive an offer today. “Unacceptable”, according to Abvo board member Kenneth Bremar.

Around noon, the Abvo called on all civil servants who had not received an offer yet. According to Bremar, this decision was made because many civil servants had still not received any letter regarding the offer. “It was agreed that the letters would be sent on the 10th. However, five days later, people are still waiting for an offer. We will not accept this. We demand that all of our members still receive the relevant letter today.” According to Bremar, the intention was that all members who had not received a letter yet, would assemble at the Abvo-building around two o'clock. Subsequently, they would all head for the building of the Personnel department to collect their letter personally.

Today's appeal follows the protest of angry civil servants at Fort Amsterdam. Civil servants from the Directorate Economical Affairs (DEZ) and the Directorate Finances headed for the government building because they had either not received an offer or could not agree with such. Former Abvo-chairman and current secretary-general of trade union federation CGTC, Roland 'Nacho' Ignacio understood the fact that angry civil servants went to Fort Amsterdam to express their dissatisfaction that the offer for a position in the future country Curaçao was forthcoming.

Ignacio is currently in the Netherlands, as part of a delegation of the country who provides Antilleans in the Netherlands with information on the process in realizing a new country Curaçao. Ignacio declared before the Amigoe that he understood the viewpoint of the angry civil servants on Curaçao. “The demonstration was justified. The civil servants had been on tenterhooks for one month and now, at the end, they are still confronted with uncertainty.”

According to Ignacio, the trade union federation in the Central Organized Consultation Civil Service Affairs (CGOA) had advised the government to choose a later date to inform the civil servants. “We have always warned the government not to underestimate the process and to choose a date that was also feasible for them, but to no avail.”

There is also severe criticism from the civil service union on Curaçao on the manner in which the government dealt with the transfer. In a press report, the Abvo states that the government did not meet its commitments towards the civil servants. In this, the trade union specifically refers to the commitment that all civil servants should have received the relevant letter last Monday. “This mistake from the government has caused considerable uncertainty with our members, whilst they do not know how to handle this situation. We request the government once again to inform those civil servants who have not received a letter yet, on the further course of the process.”

The Abvo calls on its members to remain calm and wait for the letter, because the term of 30 days to lodge an objection only comes into effect when they receive the relevant letter. The members could also contact the helpdesk of Abvo in its trade union building at Brievengat.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[Service closed to protest job offers](#)

FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2010 23:35

WILLEMSTAD--After civil servants had assembled at Fort Amsterdam on Thursday to protest the offers received for positions with the new administration of Country Curaçao, personnel of the Directorate of Economic Affairs DEZ refused to go back to work and closed down the Island Government service.

The intention was that all civil servants on the island would receive their job letter on Tuesday, August 10. However, up to Thursday afternoon there were still several civil servants who had not received any offer.

Dissatisfied workers of DEZ decided to paralyse the government service after about half of their colleagues had not received an offer yet. Some were also not pleased with the content, while others were not even included on the list to receive a letter.

There was also a protest at the Directorate of Finance, where many had received offers they could not agree with.

Both groups had marched to the seat of the Central Government, saying they had gotten no audience from the commissioner in charge or the Antillean civil servant union ABVO and that they wished to speak with Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage. As the latter was otherwise engaged, the civil servants were offered a conversation with Interior and Constitutional Affairs Minister Roland Duncan (National Alliance).

It was notable that the angry civil servants at Fort Amsterdam were supported by board members of Curaçao's labour union for Tax, Customs and prison workers "StrAF."

In a reaction, Curaçao's General Affairs Commissioner Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR) called on all involved to keep a cool head in this matter. "There are only a few letters left that have not been forwarded yet."

"Several civil servants now indicate they do not agree with the offer in the letter. However, from the beginning we told everyone there's an objection procedure if one does not want to accept the offer.

"There is also a helpdesk where one can get help with complaints and questions. I call on everyone to keep a cool head and remain calm during these days."

ABVO board member Kenneth Bremer stated that the union was taking stock of the situation and considering its next step, also indicating that government had underestimated the entire delivery of the letters.

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In total, 4,371 civil servants were to receive a letter since Tuesday, but about 1,000 were still to get it late Thursday. According to Bremer, the Executive Council meanwhile offered its apologies for any mistakes made in the process.

Many employees are showing up at ABVO and the police union NAPB, which have each set up their own help-desks to assist the affected members.

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Angry civil servants head for Fòrti

12 Aug, 2010, 08:06 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Angry civil servants assembled at Fort Amsterdam this afternoon. They are not pleased that the offer for a position with the new country Curaçao remains forthcoming, or the fact they had not received an offer at all. Mainly personnel from the Directorate Economical Affairs (DEZ) and the Directorate Finances had assembled at the government centre.



The intention was that all civil servants would receive an offer for a position in the new country Curaçao last Monday. However, to-date there were still several civil servants who had not received any offer.

Dissatisfied co-workers from DEZ decided to paralyse the government service, after half of their colleagues had not received an offer by letter. Some were not pleased with their offer, while others were not even included on the list to receive an offer by letter. This was reason for them to paralyse the service and leave the building together. The same applied for personnel members from the Directorate Finances, who had received an offer but could not agree with this proposal. Around noon, they marched to the seat of government.

Angry civil servants had assembled at Fort Amsterdam today. They are not pleased with the manner in which the government has handled the offer for a new position in the new country Curaçao. Many civil servants complain about the fact they have not received an offer yet, while others are not pleased about the contents of the offer.

The civil servants concerned, stated they found no audience with their deputy or trade union Abvo and that they wished to speak with Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage. As the latter was otherwise engaged, the civil servants were offered a conversation with Minister Roland Duncan (of the Interior and Constitutional Affairs, NA). It was striking that the angry civil servants at Fort Amsterdam received support from boardmembers of the trade union for tax, customs and prison system 'StrAF'.

As a reaction, Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) called on all parties to keep a cool head in this matter. "There are only a few letters left that have not been forwarded yet. Several civil servants now indicate they do not agree with the offer in the letter. However, from the beginning we told everyone there's an objection procedure if one does not agree with the offer received. There is also a helpdesk where one can get help with complaints and questions. I call on everyone to keep a cool head and remain calm during these days." Abvo boardmember Kenneth Bremer stated this afternoon that the Abvo is currently making an inventory of the occurrence and thinking about ensuing steps. Earlier in the day, Bremer indicated that the government had underestimated the entire delivery of the letters. In total, 4371 civil servants were to receive a letter last Monday, but 1000 civil servants were still to receive that letter up to yesterday afternoon. According to Bremer, the BC has meanwhile offered their apologies for the mistakes made in the process. Since yesterday, numerous members had reported at the Abvo-office with complaints on the state of affairs around the offering process.

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Radio Netherlands

Antilles in the Netherlands interested in dismantling

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in the Netherlands Antilles are very interested in the consequences of the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles. An information meeting in Voorburg subject were extremely busy. People mainly want answers to specific matters such as changes in education and health.

Antillean Minister of Education, Omayra Leeflang is important also in the Netherlands Antilles to keep abreast of upcoming changes : " Antillians have an inalienable right to the islands. You may be deregistered, but you can erase that you were born. "She hopes and expects that living in the Netherlands Antilles - like the people on the islands - changes to support and understand. She also hopes that they are thinking.

Unique

The lifting of the Netherlands Antilles is a unique event, said Leeflang and Willibrord van Beek of the parliamentary committee for Second - Dutch- Antillean and Aruban Affairs (Naaz). Leeflang : "After 1954, this is the most historic event that happens in the Kingdom : the abolition of a country and the birth of two countries. "Van Beek : "There are few examples of such a thing in the world. "

The participants were positive about the information they received at the meeting. Originally from Curaçao Diana Martis would like to return to her native island : " I like to get answers and they were so open. I realize better now that the decommissioning is a process that requires patience from us. " Nicolina Jennifer also plans to return to Curacao : "This meeting has given me hope. It was preceded by the perception that things would collapse after the decommissioning, but it all seems well organized. "

Leeflang and Van Beek were pleasantly surprised by the interest in the meetings. Leeflang : " You notice that the questions raised on concrete information. You can not just talk about laws and structures. It is about the importance of reform for the people. "

Meetings

On Thursday, August 12, a similar information meeting in Rotterdam on Friday, August 13 in Utrecht.

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States ready for historic debate

6 Aug, 2010, 12:42 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — In a Central Committee meeting yesterday, the States discussed the amendment of the Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that is to make the self-governing status of Curaçao possible. The debate had not amounted to much as regards contents, but rather offered an outlook, now and then very emotional, on the dismantlement of the Antilles per 10-10-'10.

Rudolphe Samuel (National Alliance) was one of the first speakers. He dwelled on the current course en route to the dismantlement of the Antilles and the creation of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, and the BES-Islands as exceptional municipalities of the Netherlands.

Approval of the Statute amendment is one of the things that have to be regulated in order to realize the status desired by the people, according to the State-member from St. Maarten.

Gassan Dannawi (MAN) from the duumvir-party of Lista di Kambio (LdK) criticized the fact that the coalition parties still continue the political course despite protest from the community. He was not pleased that the government constantly continues, without considering the emancipation of the people and paying attention to the development of the local districts.

Dannawi's criticism was reason for PAR-member Marlon Jamaloodin to request the opposition parties to join hands with the coalition parties in order to realize the political wish from the Antillean people. "This was the people's choice. Join the club", Jamaloodin said yesterday. The PAR-member urged the government to come up with an expansive info-campaign as soon as possible in order to prevent 'some rats' from given the population incorrect information on the process.

WIPM-leader Will Johnson held an emotional speech, in which he dwelled on his love for the Antilles. During the course of the years, Johnson had lived on nearly all Antillean islands and once even won the first prize in the National Lottery. During yesterday's speech, he expressed his love for the Antilles, but concluded that in practice it had not worked in the interest of Saba. He expressed the hope that the Antillean islands would separate as friends and not as enemies and the current bonds would be kept in the future as well.

The State-members from Bonaire, Robby Beukenboom (PDB) and Ramonsito Booi (UPB) had subsequently lashed out at each other during the continuation of the debate. Beukenboom had lashed out at the UPB, who he held responsible for the current political problems, which the island was currently coping with. However, Booi had retorted by stating that the PDB-supported Board of Governors had already signed the relevant agreements. "Be a man and don't come crying in this conference room", Booi said. However, States-chairman Pedro Atacho was of the opinion that this remark could not pass muster. PAR party-chairman Glenn Sulvaran was one of the last speakers of the meeting. During his speech, he enclosed the political process from the past years and concluded that not a single politician could vote against the Constitution if he/she wanted to respect the wish of the people.

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'Amendment Constitution causes delay'

6 Aug, 2010, 12:43 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Amendment of the Constitution of the future country Curaçao will disrupt the political process to realize 10-10-'10. Minister Roland Duncan (of the Interior and Constitutional Affairs, National Alliance) stated this yesterday during a Central Committee meeting of the States. The Minister stated such during the answering of questions from PAR State-member Glenn Sulvaran.

With his questions, Sulvaran wanted to bring about that Duncan on behalf of the government would provide clarity on allegations brought forward by local opposition parties. During this electoral campaign, particularly the MAN had constantly mentioned that amendments to the draft Constitution were not only possible, but also required. The PAR had constantly opposed that amendments would endanger the commencement date of the country Curaçao per 10-10-10.

During a Central Committee meeting yesterday, Duncan had stated that the new Island Council to be chosen on August 27th, could only discuss the current draft for the Constitution. If amendments are implemented, this implies according to the Minister, that the adopted draft will have to be forwarded to the Netherlands to learn the opinion of the National Council of Ministers. According to the Minister, this process will eventually take so much time that the commencement date of October 10th is no longer feasible.

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'Transfer of tasks totally unsound'

5 Aug, 2010, 07:55 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — There was severe criticism from the States this morning on the progress of the transfer of tasks from the country to the future self-governing countries St. Maarten and Curaçao. For instance, PNP-member Faroe Metry concluded that the procedure was very unsound. He was supported by the member of the LdK-party, Gassan Danawi, who urged clarity from the government.

The States had gathered in a Central Committee meeting this morning for a discussion with the entire De Jongh-Elhage cabinet. The meeting's agenda included amongst others, the status of affairs on the transfer of tasks from country to island territory. Especially Metry was very critical about the government. He concluded there was obscurity on numerous areas about which tasks were transferred to the island territories now or not. Metry warned for 'the idiocy' that could occur when State-members would ask the government questions on affairs for which they would not bear responsibility.

Metry also had questions on the manner in which the transfer is taking place. The relevant law includes that the transfer would only take place if the islands were capable to take over the transferred tasks. However, the PNP-member remarked that meanwhile the various documents suddenly include the possibility that the transfer could take place by means of protocols. The PNP-member demanded clarity and urged the government to arrange for such so that also the State-members could understand what is going on and explain this to the people.

Independent State-member Gregory Damoen (FK) urged the government to provide information on the question who is to give account on the transferred tasks and how the financing of such is arranged. LdK party-member Gassan Danawi (MAN) also urged the government to provide clarity. In particular, he wanted to be informed on how it is possible that the implementation of the medical insurance legislation was sent on to the Island Territory Curaçao, while the Social Insurance Bank (SVB) still falls under the responsibility of Minister Omayra Leeflang (Public Health and Social Development, PAR). During the answering of questions, Leeflang responded to this by stating that the medical insurance is transferred, but that in conformity with the wish from the States in anticipation of the approval of the law, as minister she arranged that senior citizens could remain insured with the SVB after their pension.

Minister of Finances, Ersilia de Lannooy for her part stated that the transfer of tasks, personnel and budget was arranged by using a section of a law that enables such in anticipation of the States' approval. At island-territory, this is regulated via the Island-regulation Financial Administration that was especially adjusted for this purpose. The adjustments that will accompany the political changes will be included in a supplementary budget that will be forwarded to the States within short. Minister Roland Duncan (of the Interior and Constitutional Affairs, NA) added that as soon as a task is transferred, the Board of Governors bears the responsibility for such.

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Radio Netherlands (Dutch)

Information sessions about dismantling Antilles

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The Antillean government will organize information sessions in the Netherlands about the political renewal. At three meetings are representatives of the Netherlands Antilles to inform the public about the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles.

The construction of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten and the public entities Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba are also covered. With the information meetings on 11, 12, and August 13 Antillean government hopes the general public to inform about the consequences of political reforms in the Kingdom.

Removal

The Netherlands Antilles and keep everything goes to plan on 10-10 -'10 to exist. Yet few people know exactly what the abolition of the country really means. For meetings in the Netherlands are both politicians and officials from the West Indies over. A representative of the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations has also attended the information sessions. At the meetings there is opportunity to ask questions in Dutch, English and Papiamentu.

During a briefing at the Caribbean House in The Hague on 7 July it became clear that the Netherlands Antilles crave information about the political renewal. The participants had many questions about the impact of decommissioning. But they were present for the panel, which includes former prime ministers Etienne Ys and Suzy Camelia - Römer were not always easy to answer.

Public

The meeting therefore led to heated discussions. Curaçao's minister for state structures, Jesús Zita Leito appreciated the criticism from the public. The information sessions are public and therefore accessible to everyone. You can register via Antillenhuis.nl. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Island Council approves Social Statute

31 Jul, 2010, 08:05 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The Island Council approved the Social Statute yesterday. The statute regulates the transfer of personnel currently employed with the country the Netherlands Antilles and the island territory Curaçao, to the future country Curaçao. The opposition had made many comments on the proposal yesterday.

Particularly the name of the document 'Social Statute' did not sit well with the opposition. For instance, Helmin Wiels (PS) criticized the plan as a strategy to dismiss people, something that had already occurred several times in the past, according to Wiels. People supposedly would be dismissed under the pretext of re-organization. Nevertheless, apart from criticism, there was also commendation from amongst others PNP-member Gimena van der Gen, who was very happy with the role of the trade union federation with the process. However, Wiels did not have a good word to say about that. He described the trade union leaders as 'profiteers' who did not assert the interests of their members and were mainly interested in their own jobs.

There was also criticism from amongst others FK-leader Gregory Damoen, who stated the new political apparatus of the country Curaçao would become a huge sluggish apparatus and that merging the administrative strata would not lead to economies. Many council-members had wanted to hear from the BC again whether people would be dismissed. However, the deputy entrusted with Personnel Matters, Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) had contradicted this. She emphasized once again that all civil servants from the country with a residence place on Curaçao and government personnel employed with the island territory would receive an offer per August 10th for a function in the official apparatus of the country Curaçao. The deputy further indicated that the new official apparatus would be efficient and effective with approx. 25 less executive positions.

The Social Statute was finally adopted with a council majority.

Where is Pierre?

A conspicuous absentee in the conference room of the Island Council yesterday was former NPA-leader Nelson Pierre. According to reports, Pierre has been in Columbia with his family since weeks. It is unknown when he will return. The Island Council had met numerous times during his absence.

Yesterday the council bade former NPA-member Aldebert Rooijer farewell, while his successor Farley Hernandez was added to the NPA-party. The entire procedure led PAR-member Stephen Walroud to wonder, "Where was Nelson Pierre?" There had been no response to this question.

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VBC: considerable discord

30 Jul, 2010, 12:51 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The fact that snap elections have to be held because a two-third majority had not been able to approve the Constitution of the new country Curaçao, points to a huge political and social discord, according to the Association Business Community Curaçao (VBC).

The VBC sees this confirmed in the participation of 'as much as 10 political parties' with the elections. "The question is whether it's a good sign to start a new country with discord. St. Maarten proves this could be done differently, as its political parties unanimously approved the Constitution of that country."

VBC hopes the elections on August 27th will lead to 'political authorities demonstrating and yielding administrative maturity by coming out of their own shadow and mutually laboring for further development of the new country Curaçao in order to increase the prosperity and welfare of the society'.

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Curacao – 10 Political Parties Qualify For 8/27 Elections

Three of the five political parties, currently not represented in the Curacao Island Parliament, have gathered sufficient support to qualify for Island Elections participation on August 27.

Partido Laboral or Labor Party of Errol Goeloe, Partido Adelanto i Inovashon Soshal or Social Progress and Innovation Party (PAIS) of former PNP Finance State Secretary Alex Rosario and Movementu Futuro Korsou or Movement for the Future of Curacao (MFK) headed by MAN MP Gerrit Schotte have met the minimum requirements to participate. The Aliansa Curaçao Independiente (ACI) and ARTE Rebolushonario did not make the cut. The parties with current representation automatically qualify.

Partido Antia Restruktura (PAR) - Ms. Emily de Jongh-Elhage

Frente Obrero Liberashon 30 di Mei (FOL) - Mr. Anthony Godett

MAN – Ms. Eunice Eisdén

Partido Nashonal di Pueblo (PNP) – Mr. Humphrey Davelaar

Niun Paso Atras (NPA) - Mr. Carlos Monk

Partido Laboral Krusado Popular (PLKP) - Mr. Errol Goeloe

Pueblo Soberano - Mr. Helmin Wiels

Partido Democraat (DP) - Mr. Norberto Ribeiro

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Movementu Futuro Korsou (MFK) – Mr. Gerrit Schotte

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Debt reconstruction very advantageous for Antilles

23 Jul, 2010, 12:09 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — A budgetary surplus, a positive development in the balance between the public debts and the Gross National Product, and a larger foreign currency reserve are rays of hope in the annual report on 2009, the supervisor – the Bank of the Netherlands Antilles (BNA) – indicated yesterday afternoon.

With this, the upcoming new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten could make a reasonable healthy start. However, orderliness and gearing are required in order to be successful.

“If we want to succeed as new country, we must not only be aware of our potential, but also of the danger of exceeding our limits. Autonomy is a means to realize the objective, with a higher prosperity for our population as final aim. Therefore, we must be careful in our efforts to understand the realities we are dealing with. Paradoxically enough, it boils down to the fact that more autonomy also implies more cooperation and gearing within the Kingdom. In order to realize objectives, we must thoroughly determine and strongly pursue such. As of October 11th, the source of our power must be our diversity and difference of opinions, and not the cause of our failure”, says President-Director Emsley Tromp of the BNA.

While this regarded the last ‘Antillean annual report’, the BNA had also launched its new website www.centralbank.an, which is more clear and accessible.

‘Fortify financial sector’

According to the analysis of the BNA, the Antilles was not excluded from the worldwide economical decline as a result of the financial crisis 2008, and had booked an estimated negative growth of 0.2 percent in 2009. The inflation had decreased from 6.3 percent in 2008 to 1.6 percent in 2009 due to the worldwide decline of the prices of oil as well as oil related and unrelated products. After several years of improvement, the labor market had worsened in 2009 due to the economical decline, which had led to the increase of the weighted average unemployment percentage from 9.7 percent in 2008 to 10.0 percent in 2009. Particularly, the labor market in St. Maarten had been affected by the economical decline. The unemployment percent on this island had increased to 12.2 percent in 2009 compared to 10.6 percent in 2007. On the other hand, the improvement of the labor market on Curaçao had continued in 2009, so that the unemployment had decreased from 10.3 percent in 2008 to 9.7 percent in 2009, and amongst the youth, from 26.3 percent to 24.7 percent.

The actual added value of the financial service provision had decreased as well, due to a decrease in the local financial service provision, owing to lower profitability from the banks. This was curbed by an increase in the international financial and business service provision. The BNA is pleased with the attention from the Minister of Finance for tax reformation, to help last mentioned sector become stronger.

In the past, this sector had represented as much as 25 percent of the foreign revenues, compared to last year’s contribution of 6 percent. In 2009, the Antilles had mainly relied on tourism (38 percent) and the free zone (12 percent).

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Debt reconstruction

The debt reconstruction by the Netherlands was advantageous for the Antilles in various ways in financial-economical field. For instance, the deficit in the current account of the balance of payments had considerably decreased in 2009 due to an increase in the net revenue foreign transfers, or more specifically, due to transfers from the Dutch government within the framework of the debt reconstruction. This debt reconstruction had also led to the payment of the debt service of the central government and the island territory Curaçao, through which the joint governments had registered a Treasury surplus for the first time since 1986 – of as much as 761.8 million guilders, while there had been a deficit of 172.1 million guilders in 2008.

As part of the debt reconstruction, the Dutch government had paid 100 percent of the expiring debt titles and 100 percent of the interest burdens from the Antilles and Curaçao in 2009, and paid a considerable part of their arrears. The revenue story was completed by an increase in the revenues from income tax, tax on profit, sales tax and excise on gasoline, and from higher distribution of dividends by the government companies.

As the capital flow exceeded the deficit on the current account, the net international reverses had increased again in 2009 so that the balance of payments had registered a surplus for the ninth consecutive year. The average import coverage had increased to 4.1 months, which is well above the three-month standard maintained by the BNA.

Debts quote

Due to the same debt reconstruction, the legal determined budgetary standards and the supervision of the Council Financial Supervision on the consequential public finances, the government expenditures in 2009 were kept under control. Where the current expenditures had increased, this was due to higher transfers, and higher personnel costs because of wage indexing for civil servants and teachers.

Overall, the debt reconstruction not only led to a substantial improvement of the budget balance, but also to a considerable reduction of the consolidated debt of the Antilles. In this, the debts quote (the balance of the national debt to the Gross National Product) from 82.0 percent in 2008 to 73.6 percent of the GNP in 2009. These developments are tangible proof of the extensive positive effects of the debt reconstruction.

According to calculations from the BNA, the debts quote would have been 71 percent based on drastic economy measures as of 2004 without debt reconstruction. Thanks to the debt reconstruction, the debt quote is now heading in the right direction without the local society having to suffer from the economies. A debts quote between 30 and 40 percent is considered healthy for countries with characteristics as those of the Antilles.

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Caribbean guilder not ready per 10-10-'10

23 Jul, 2010, 12:08 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) states that the Caribbean Guilder, the currency of the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten, will not be in circulation until six to nine months from now. It is clear that the new currency will not be ready per 10-10-'10.

The Caribbean Guilder will be under supervision of the Communal Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten. The new central bank will have a chairman, to be chosen by both countries, while both countries will also appoint the other six members of the Board of Directors. Deputy Jesus-Leito and party-member and colleague of Finances, Mike Willem held a conversation yesterday on St. Maarten with the St. Maarten Deputy William Marlin.

The purpose of this conversation was to conclude further agreements on the interpretation of the communal central bank of the two countries that will soon acquire a self-governing status. According to Jesus-Leito, there is currently agreement on most details regarding an outline for a monetary unit and a new central bank that requires further interpretation. The parties agree that the Board of Directors will consist of six members to be appointed by both countries. According to the Deputy, agreements were made also for a transitional arrangement until the introduction of the new monetary unit. During this period, the new currency will be introduced gradually, whereby the current Antillean guilder will be taken out of circulation.

The Deputy was very pleased this morning with yesterday's conversation. The experts will continue their conversation today on the precise interpretation of the monetary system of the future self-governing countries.

'Take decisions'

During the presentation of the annual report on 2009 of the Antillean economy, President-Director Emsley Tromp of the Bank of the Netherlands Antilles (BNA) indicated yesterday that he still hadn't heard anything on the new currency and its denominations.

Casually referring to the BNA-advice for dollarization, which the office holders had rejected, Tromp stated it could take one to one and a half years before the two new countries have switched to a new monetary unit. First of all, we have to come up with a name for this currency and determine its denominations. From that moment, it will regard matters we have experience with, such as contacting the right authorities so that the banknotes and coins can be manufactured, and bringing this currency in circulation. During the transitional period, the Antillean guilder will be used along with this new monetary unit. Decisions need to be taken on this matter, as one has to consider the manufacturer's capacity, and let's not forget there's a shortage of the basic product for coins and banknotes - due to the crisis of 2008."

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www.smn-news.com (Sint Maarten)

Minister Duncan clarifies statements made in Curacao Press - Reaffirms that St. Maarten has been "ripped off".

THURSDAY, 22 JULY 2010 21:44

Philipsburg, At the request of Minister Duncan the Ministry of Constitutional and Home Affairs hereby releases the following statement by the Minister:

The Curacao daily newspaper "Ultimo Noticia" on page 10 of its July 20, 2010 edition published an article titled "Minister Duncan Antias a "rip off" St. Maarten pa mas ku 50 ana". A majority of the quotes were correctly attributed to the undersigned, although the article contains several errors and fails to provide the full story.

The Curacao political party MAN has rushed today, July 21, to issue a note on Facebook, signed by its president, Mr. Eugene Cleopa and general secretary, Mr. Giovanni Atalita - its extra-judiciary representatives - titled: "Partido MAN ta rechasa deklarashon di minister Duncan ku Korsou a "rip off" St. Maarten". The MAN's note is an emotional diatribe aimed at inciting the people of Curacao against the undersigned.

Some pertinent facts

1. The acronym MAN of this party stands for "New Antillian Movement" ("Movimento Antiyas Nobo").
The party has stubbornly continued to hold on to this name despite the demise of the Netherlands Antilles.
2. The party further deliberately - and erroneously - confuses and personifies Curacao ("Korsou") with the Netherlands Antilles.
3. Contrary to the nonsense that Curacao politicians feed the people of Curacao, St. Maarten contributes more than its fair share of tax revenues to the Government of the Netherlands Antilles. Since January 1, 1997 a Turnover Tax of 3% on gross receipts of businesses has been levied and collected by the Antillian government on St. Maarten. The Government of the Netherlands Antilles has collected each year more than 80 million guilders PER YEAR from 1997 until today! (St. Maarten gets 1/3 of these taxes back). Additionally, the Government of the Netherlands Antilles collects (a) gasoline excise, (b) transfer tax, (c) succession tax, etc. The Bureau Telecommunication and Post collects license fees in the millions annually. Then, St. Maarten - the

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tourist island - provides the Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles millions annually in foreign exchange license fees. Social security premiums are also levied on St. Maarten.

4. Anyone living on St. Maarten can attest to the fact that the services of the government of the Netherlands Antilles have been deficient. Most services and departments of the Netherlands Antilles Government are not enough staffed or existent on St. Maarten. In short, St. Maarten contributes MORE to the Government of the Netherlands Antilles than it receives in services from the Government of the Netherlands Antilles.
5. A "rip off" is when the provider does not provide or deliver the services or goods that it has contracted to or is bound to provide or deliver! Fact is that the Netherlands Antilles have failed not only St. Maarten, but all of its constituent islands it is bound to service! This is logically the primary reason this "country" has fallen apart and the islands are going their own ways!

Some 'ad hominem' statements by the MAN party

- The MAN party has accused the undersigned of "living a life of luxury on Curacao from the tax payers of Curacao" and finds it a shame that I should therefore dare say what I said;
- The MAN party further alleges that the undersigned does not like Curacao and its people.

Not only are these allegations false - as the undersigned is entitled to the same privileges that all ministers enjoy (Curacao has 6 Ministers to St. Maarten's 2) - but assume that the undersigned would therefore not be free to speak his opinion. In short, I do not have the fundamental freedom of speech. The MAN party is therefore typically trying to "kill the messenger" but cannot successfully refute the message! Moreover, the MAN party has proven its undemocratic nature and attitude!

The MAN party is highly insulted by the statement of the undersigned that the police department and prison on St. Maarten are deficient. But is that not true? What contribution has the Government of the Netherlands Antilles made to the infrastructure of St. Maarten in the last 50 years? Before they say that such is the responsibility of the island territory, I humbly refer to the many infrastructural projects and funding the government of the Netherlands Antilles has carried out on Curacao! Then, the MAN party alleges that the taxes of Curacao have covered the budgets of St. Maarten. This dribble does not merit much of an answer. When and how so?

The MAN party then shirks the responsibility of the Netherlands Antilles to its constituents by blaming Holland for putting the capital in Curacao.

It is logical that - if Curacao politicians (like those of the MAN party) wish to assume responsibility for the running of the Netherlands Antilles - then they must also carry the responsibility for their failed management and leadership. By the way, who incurred a 5 billion guilder debt? And where were these funds spent? Let us compare Curacao's and St. Maarten's shares in this enormous debt!!

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It is evident that the MAN party is deliriously yet holding on to the defunct political system called "Netherlands Antilles" and continues to cry and lament its demise and - thus - also fight the constitutional process and the end it will bring to mentioned political system. But then again, the MAN party is itself in an identity crisis, with a party board (President and General Secretary), Party Leader and now also 'Number one on the list', all representing it. We wonder who represents what; especially now that the board also makes 'political' statements, as in the note referred to.

In light of the aforementioned, I need not apologize to the people of Curacao. Neither do I have to prove my love and ties to Curacao, as well as the other islands, including Aruba. That's not for the MAN party to judge! Ta fei su kwenta!!

What the article in "Ultimo Noticia" failed to mention was my further statement that I believe and maintain that once the islands have left the Antillian political system, they shall be able to cooperate and functionally cooperate much better, more efficient and beneficial than before, because they shall be dealing 'one on one' and not in an undemocratic political system dominated and run by (politicians from) one island. I always use the European countries as examples to justify cooperation. They have put aside a 1000 years of wars and dominance of each other to bind themselves to a union in which they act as a group, 'one on one' and based on agreements reached voluntarily! St. Maarten and Curacao - and for that matter - none of the Dutch islands in Caribbean have never fought a war against each other. We can cooperate on a voluntary and mutually beneficial basis, if we are sensible and rational.

I further maintain that the Netherlands Antilles and its government have also failed the island of Curacao, with its inefficient, deficient and stifling governmental double political layer.

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Curacao – 12 Political Parties Registered For August 27 Elections

A total of twelve political parties registered for the August 27, Island Parliament elections in Curaçao.

The elections are necessary, because the Curacao Island Parliament vote for the new Curacao Constitution did not garner a mandatory two-thirds majority on June 18.

Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority support in the legislature. After the August 27, elections a simple majority suffices to pass the stalled legislation. The current coalition fears the 10-10-10 target is in serious jeopardy, because the final Kingdom Round Table Conference, prior to dissolving, is scheduled for September 9.

Various persons shifted political parties and three new political parties emerged.

Two new parties with possible strength to garner one or more seats are Partido Adelanto i Inovashon Soshal or Social Progress and Innovation Party (PAIS) of former PNP Finance State Secretary Alex Rosario and Movementu Futuro Korsou or Movement for the Future of Curacao (MFK) headed by MAN MP Gerrit Schotte.

Registered parties for ballot:

- Partido Antia Restruktura (PAR) - Ms. Emily de Jongh-Elhage
- Frente Obrero Liberashon 30 di Mei (FOL) - Mr. Anthony Godett
- MAN – Ms. Eunice Eisdien
- Partido Nashonal di Pueblo (PNP) – Mr. Humphrey Davelaar
- Niun Paso Atras (NPA) - Mr. Carlos Monk
- Partido Laboral Krusado Popular (PLKP) - Mr. Errol Goeloe
- Pueblo Soberano (PS) - Mr. Helmin Wiels
- Partido Democraat (DP) - Mr. Norberto Ribeiro
- Partido Adelanto i Inovashon Soshal (PAIS) – Mr. Alex Rosaria
- Movementu Futuro Korsou (MFK) – Mr. Gerrit Schotte
- Akshon Revolushon Tula Ehersito (ARTE) – Mr. Andechi Albert
- Aliansa Curacao Independiente (ACI) – Mr. Ruben de Mey (Various Media)

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Compensation arrangement for council members afoot

14 Jul, 2010, 07:38 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — At the request of several members of the Island Council, one is currently working on a compensation arrangement for current council members. The arrangement is dictated by the fact that members of the Island Council are to stay on for three instead of four years. The council members request compensation for the loss of income for the one year in which they will not be a council member.

Financial experts of the island territory are currently working on a 'suitable' solution, according to reports from various sources this morning. There is no concrete proposal available yet, and one is currently figuring out how to crystallize this. How much money is involved with the arrangement, is also unknown.

Parties in question do not wish to divulge many details, although it is clear the compensation arrangement will have to be equivalent to the allowance for former authorities at national level.

In conformity with the Island-Regulation Netherlands Antilles (Erna), the term of the Island Council lasts four years. The last council elections were held in 2007, and according to the Erna, will be held in 2011 again. However, as a two-third majority had not adopted the Draft Constitution for the Country Curaçao, snap elections must be held. However, the latter requires the dissolution of the Island Council. Per October 10th 2010, the newly elected Island Council ceases to exist and continues as the States of the new country Curaçao. Island Council members, who were chosen in 2007, state they assumed they would stay on for four years, although the process of the Political renewal was already in progress at that moment. Now that their term remains limited to only three years – due to a two-third majority not adopting the Constitution or due to the self adopted Island-Regulation Snap Elections – many council members urge for a form of compensation or transitional arrangement. There is no transitional arrangement for members of the Island Council, such as determined for State-members and Ministers at national level.

The 'National-Regulation to regulate the allowance and pension for political authorities of the Netherlands Antilles and the island territories Bonaire, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba' mentions a compensation arrangement for former authorities. This arrangement is granted for the duration equal to the period in which the person concerned was a political authority, but for the duration of at least one year, and two years at the most. The allowance during the first three months amounts to 95 percent, the subsequent seven months 85 percent, the next ten months 75 percent and, subsequently 70 percent of the salary as political authority. If the former authority accepts employment, the income of this employment will be balanced with the allowance on the month, to which that income is related.

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[Eleven parties submit lists for August 27 early election](#)

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WILLEMSTAD--Eleven political parties submitted their candidates' lists on Monday to contest the early Island Council elections on August 27. Parties were accompanied by drum bands, cheerleaders, colourful supporters and vuvuzelas as they made their way to the main voting bureau in the "Kranchi."

Contesting the elections will be the PAR under Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage; PLKP under former Island Receiver Errol Goeloe; FOL under Anthony Godett; NPA with its new leader Adrian Monk, since Nelson Pierre retired from politics; MAN under new leader Eunice Eisdien, with former leader Charles Cooper taking up the #2 spot on the list; newcomer MFK of Gerrit Schotte; Pueblo Soberano (PS) led by Helmin Wiels; the one-man party of Ruben de Meij Aliansa Curaçao Independiente (ACI); the DP under new leader Norberto Ribeiro; PNP under the leadership of Humphrey Davelaar; and a second one-man party, Akshon Revolushon Tula Ehersito (ARTE) of Andechi Albert.

Yellow party PAR had the largest delegation by far when submitting its list. Party leader De Jongh-Elhage said, "The people of Curaçao have the keys in their hand to make the new status of Curaçao possible. If the people vote for the parties that are for Country Curaçao, then 10-10-10 is guaranteed."

All parties used the opportunity more as a kind of campaign rally than as a venue to deliver their party platform and ideas. Most shouted the word "Victory!" when they addressed the media after submitting their lists.

Parties called for the end of government corruption, shrinking the gap between the have and have-nots in the community, addressing crime and building a strong Curaçao for the day after 10-10-10 and beyond.

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Twelve parties register at Kranshi

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WILLEMSTAD — During the course of today, twelve parties will register at the Polling Station to participate with the Island Council elections of August 27th. Only six parties had submitted their candidate list before noon. This was accompanied with cheerleaders, chanting slogans, many colors, and the meanwhile inevitable vuvuzela's.



The flags of the PAR

The Pueblo Soberano of Helmin Wiels was the first party to register with Kranshi this morning. The party walked in procession from the slavery monument at the Riff to the Kranshi building in Otrobanda. The party-leader sounded very combative en route to the Polling Station. "We determined our political program years ago. In this, we have stated our vision for the development of Curaçao. An end must come to the hegemony of directors from governmental NV's. Actually, they are the

ones that govern the country and determine our future. We want them laid off. We want a Curacao with social justice, with more combat against the illegality, and with employment."

The Aliansa Curaçao Independiente (ACI), the one-man party of Ruben de Mey, was the second party to register with Kranshi this morning. De Mey is not that well known in politics Willemstad. Nevertheless, he stood number 15 on the list of the NPA in 2003.



PS-leader Helmin Wiels on the stairs at Kranshi

The ACI stands for an independent Curaçao. De Mey stated he was affiliated with the PS, and further hoping for support from his friends to obtain the required 745 votes to make it through the preliminary election.

The DP arrived at the Kranshi building at around ten o'clock. The party submitted its candidate list, while singing the DP-song and waving traditional DP-flags – which were re-established under the new leader

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Norberto Ribeiro. Just before the list was officially submitted, Ribeiro loudly shouted 'Victory' throughout the wedding room. The new DP-leader described the candidate list of the red party as the Lista di Viktoria.

"Kòrsou promé. Ban p'e. (Curaçao first, let's go for that), the slogan which the PNP supporters chanted when they submitted their candidate list. The PNP-delegation arrived at the Kranshi building, accompanied by numerous cheerleaders in green, with a brass band and many green flags with the PNP-logo. After having submitted his list, party-leader Humphrey Davelaar dwelled upon the historical day of October 10th 2010, when the new self-governing status of Curaçao will take shape. "However, on October 11th, we will have to start



DP-leader Norberto Ribeiro

building up the country Curaçao. We will work on offering the people hope and perspective, and to end the discord within our community."

The second one-man party to arrive at the Polling Station, was Akshon Revolushon Tula Ehersito (ARTE) Rebolushonario of Andechi Albert, who has been trying to get through the preliminary elections for years to no avail, stated this morning that his campaign is mainly targeted towards youngsters – to draw their attention to the importance of politics. According to Albert, the participation of ARTE Rebolushonario is to indicate the people that everyone can establish a party to participate with the elections.



The green cheerleaders of the PNP party

The PAR was the last party to arrive at Kranshi this morning – amidst many yellow T-shirts, yellow signs and yellow keys. The candidate list was presented with the slogan 'E yabi, viktoría' (the key, victory). According to party-leader Emily de Jongh-Elhage, the key must resemble that the people hold the key in their hands on August 27th to make the new status of Curaçao possible. According to the PAR, this is possible by voting for parties who support the draft Constitution. If the latter is approved, then a self-governing Curaçao is possible per 10-10-'10, according to the yellow party.

The parties Pais, PLKP, FOL, NPA, MAN and MFK will also register with Kranshi during the course of this afternoon.

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Curacao - Green Light for Kingdom Consensus Laws



Nothing stands in the way of handling Kingdom Consensus Laws now that the Kingdom Council of Ministers has approved the text of the General Kingdom Measure for Curaçao and St. Maarten. The Kingdom Council of Ministers gave its consent to the text of the Cooperation Regulation Guaranteeing the Plans of Approach in the General Kingdom Measure during its meeting last Friday. Dutch State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten reached an agreement with the GONA, Curaçao and St. Maarten during the Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Curaçao last Thursday.

The agreement and the confirmation were a requirement of the Dutch First Chamber to handle the ten Kingdom Consensus Laws, including the amendment to the Charter, on July 6 (Amigoe, Antilliaans Dagblad, Daily Herald).

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Curacao - Royal Visit Set For 10-10-10

Crown Prince Willem Alexander and his wife Princess Máxima will be in Curaçao for the formal ceremony to dismantle the Netherlands Antilles on October 10. The royal pair announced this during the customary annual gathering with the Dutch media in the Netherlands on July 5.

The Crown Prince and Princess said the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, the creation of Curaçao and St. Maarten as separate entities in the Kingdom and the integration of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba as public entities of the Netherlands was a historic process (Various newspapers)

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Curacao - Eleven Parties to Participate in August Election

Eleven political parties have announced their intention to participate in the August 27 election. Each party has to submit its list of candidates on Monday, July 12. Participating parties are: PAR; PNP; MAN; Sovereign People; PLKP; FOL; NPA; Democratic Party. New parties which will participate for the first time are: Alliance Movement Independent Curaçao (party leader: Ruben de Mey); Curaçao Movement Party (party leader: former MAN member Gerrit Schotte); Party for Social Progress and Innovation (party leader: former PNP member Alex Rosaria). The three new parties and PLKP must also submit a list of 745 support signatures because they do not have a seat in the Curaçao Island Council (Antilliaans Dagblad, Amigoe).

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Curacao - Opposition Not Happy with Senate Approval of Kingdom Consensus Laws

Opposition parties MAN and Sovereign People (PS) are not pleased with the Dutch Senate's approval of the Kingdom Consensus Laws and the amendment that clears the way for Curaçao as a separate entity in the Kingdom per October 10th of this year. Both Charles Cooper (MAN) and PS-leader Helmin Wiels spoke of the beginning of the "recolonization" of Curaçao.

"There is nothing to be jubilant about," Cooper said. "The Netherlands get another three islands, while Curaçao and St. Maarten are being colonized again. The islands will be placed under financial supervision. Social projects will resort under the Netherlands as well, because we receive money via USONA (development fund – ed.) They want to pretend otherwise, but nothing will remain of our autonomy." Wiels described the approval as "being placed under permanent legal restraint." He added: "The Netherlands determines, draws up the exams, thinks up the questions and soon determines whether we comply with the conditions to be removed from under the legal restraint. The only way out, is that of independence" (Amigoe).

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Senate unanimously approves 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws



THE HAGUE--The Dutch First Chamber unanimously approved the package of ten Kingdom Consensus Laws, including an amendment to the Charter, on Tuesday, essentially granting Curaçao and St. Maarten the status of country within the Kingdom and confirming the integration of the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba as public entities of the Netherlands, effective October 10.

The liberal democratic VVD party and Labour Party PvdA kept everyone present, including delegations from the Antillean Government, Curaçao and St. Maarten, in suspense until the last moment, especially because VVD had voted against the amendment to the Charter during the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws in April this year.

"Yeah!" shouted a member of one of the islands' delegation when VVD Senator Frank van Kappen announced shortly before the moment of voting that his party had decided to vote in favour of all 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws.

Motivating his vote, Van Kappen said two factors had contributed to the VVD's change of mind: the speeches by Prime Ministers Emily de Jongh-Elhage of the Netherlands Antilles and Mike Eman of Aruba, and the fact that the elimination of the double layer of government would result in a better view to structurally improve the islands' future.

"The alternative would have been a vacuum and that would not have served anyone's purpose. I wish the future countries much success," said Van Kappen.

After this, First Chamber Chairman René van der Linden called for the voting. All 75 Senators stood up to confirm their support for the laws. Loud clapping, cheering, shaking hands and hugs followed.

Prior to Van Kappen, PvdA Senator Marijke Linthorst had stated that her party had entered the debate "very critical." She said there was "almost no alternative" if the Senate had said no to the law package.

Linthorst said PvdA was happy to note that Dutch Government was willing to get and keep the new countries on course. She further stated that the new constitutional relations should not be the result of Kingdom partners being condemned to each other, but it should lead to a new beginning with better opportunities for the people of the islands.

Prime Ministers De Jongh-Elhage and Eman confirmed their commitment to being loyal partners and

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showed willingness to improve relations in the Kingdom. Both speeches drew loud applause, an expression that is seldom shown in the stately First Chamber.

De Jongh-Elhage expressed the hope that the constitutional changes would "result in a revival and broadening of the Kingdom ties, not only by politicians and civil servants, but especially in the hearts of the citizens."

She said that even though this legislation package meant the conclusion of an "unprecedented complex constitutional operation," the islands realised very well that the real work would start on October 10, 2010, when the new relations go into effect. She said the dismantling the Netherlands Antilles would have an emotional effect on some, but cutting old ties was necessary to revive new, hopeful relations.

Constructive

Eman called on his partners in the Kingdom to continue building a "constructive, positive" Kingdom. He said the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles was a start for the new countries, a development that had Aruba's complete support. He called the Kingdom a "safe haven in a rough sea" and said cooperation didn't restrict Aruba's autonomy. "Together we can achieve more. Let's put our distrust aside and see where synergy is possible," he said.

It was also through the speeches of Commissioners William Marlin of St. Maarten and Zita Jesus-Leito of Curaçao, who defended the desire of their islands to attain country status, that the Senate was convinced to vote unanimously in favour of the law package. (See related article)

Dutch caretaker Minister of Justice, Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State Secretary of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten also were successful in convincing the Senate that, if necessary, the Netherlands, through the Kingdom Council of Ministers, would intervene if Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten didn't live up to the set criteria and plans of approach.

"We will apply article 43 (a measure of intervention defined in the Charter, ed.)," said Bijleveld-Schouten. However, she was positive that the removal of the "rubber layer," the Central Government, would lead to a clearer and more effective and direct structure.

St. Maarten

The Senate showed general support for St. Maarten as a Country within the Kingdom, but not without expressing its concerns. "We are still worried about St. Maarten. Great efforts will be required to ensure that this island truly achieves the level of country," stated Christian Democratic Party CDA Senator Sophie van Bijsterveld during the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on Tuesday.

Labour Party PvdA has had its doubts about the status of country for Curaçao and St. Maarten. "These doubts especially concerned St. Maarten," stated PvdA Senator Marijke Linthorst. This had to do with the poor system for maintenance of law and order, but also the scale of the islands, she said. She wondered how St. Maarten would be able to function as a full-fledged country with 40,000 to 70,000 inhabitants.

Senator Van Kappen VVD said he was worried that the execution of the plans of approach for St. Maarten could take many years. He remarked that originally it had been agreed that Curaçao and St. Maarten would first comply with all conditions before attaining country status. With the General Measure of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregel van Rijksbestuur), which incorporates the plans of

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approach, the agreement was reversed, as the islands will attain country status without complying with all pre-set criteria.

The Socialist Party (SP) was concerned about St. Maarten's ability to comply with financial supervision. Senator Sineke ten Horn referred to an article in The Daily Herald which stated that Curaçao wasn't very inclined to cooperate with St. Maarten in a joint Central Bank because the latter lacked budget discipline.

"St. Maarten's 2010 budget was realised under difficult circumstances and was only approved by the Committee for Financial Supervision at the very last minute," she said. SP didn't approve the Kingdom Consensus Law on Financial Supervision. It was the only party that voted against one of the laws.

Police

SP also expressed concerns about the current capacity of the Police Forces on the islands, especially St. Maarten. "There is still a lot to do before the Police Force is up to par. SP is aware of the gigantic task facing the islands where it comes to international, border-crossing crime," stated Ten Horn.

Approved on Tuesday were the Kingdom Laws to amend the Charter, establish the Joint Court of Justice, the Prosecutors' Offices, the Police Forces and the Council for the Maintenance of Law and Order, the Regulations for the Governors of Curaçao and St. Maarten, the law to adapt the Kingdom Laws to create the new countries, the law on Financial Supervision and the determination of the maritime borders.

Whether the new relations can actually go into effect on October 10 is up to Curaçao and St. Maarten. St. Maarten's Island Council should approve the Constitution for Country St. Maarten on July 19 or 20, said Commissioner Marlin. Elections will take place in Curaçao on August 27, as the Island Council didn't approve the Constitution with the required two-thirds majority. After the elections, the Constitution can be approved with a simple majority. **Suzanne Koelega**

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Worries About Abolition of Netherlands Antilles

THE HAGUE, 10/07/10 - The Hague is extremely concerned about the reform of the Netherlands Antilles, now that this has been hammered out on almost all levels. Senators, who backed the deal this week, acknowledge that the islands are not complying with the agreements, civil servants' journal Binnenlands Bestuur reports.

On 10 October this year, Curaçao and Sint Maarten will become autonomous countries. In essential areas, the two islands do not meet the requirements set beforehand. For example, the police force is not in order; the Bon Futuro prison on Curaçao is way below standard, and financial administration on Sint Maarten is below standard. The Netherlands has however already cancelled the islands' debts.

The Upper House backed the reform deal this week. It was 'helped' by a motion from former Lower House Labour (PvdA) MP Leerdam, himself Antillean, whereby the islands are given the opportunity to comply with the conditions later - within two years. "I think that this period is an illusion," acknowledges PvdA Senator Marijke Linthorst.

The Senators were not at all in favour of the accord. "It is a strangulation contract, out of which we cannot step," according to VVD Upper House member Frank van Kappen. Senator Linthorst would also prefer to have halted the whole process, Binnenlands Bestuur reported. "But what do you have then? The country of the Antilles has proved that it is not in a state to administer properly. So it just has to be like this."

Van Kappen (VVD) believes the Netherlands has made a serious mistake. "The islands have turned the matter around. The agreement was: first meet the conditions, then we will make the Antilles debt-free and they will become autonomous countries within the Kingdom. But we have allowed the financial part to be arranged and after that, they are now not sticking to the other agreements."

The race is not yet over on the islands themselves regarding the transition to greater independence. On Curacao, fresh elections will be held on 27 August, which have to approve the so-called State Scheme. On Sint Maarten, not even a draft State Scheme has yet been presented to parliament.

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Resistance to dissolution Antilles

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Carel de Haseth

PHILIPSBURG -The additional conditions that the Netherlands to Curacao and Sint Maarten shall entail the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles in jeopardy. The principal requirements for good governance and law enforcement.

The tension on both sides of the Kingdom increases. The Hague is very concerned how to proceed on October 10, 2010 as Curacao and Sint Maarten independent countries. The two islands in key areas comply with the requirements not previously raised.

So the police are not in order, is Bon Futuro prison on Curacao far below standard and the administration fell short in St. Maarten. The Senate did this week under strict conditions agreed with the new legislation. " The decisive factor is that we have a big stick in the form of a General Measure of Government Administration "explains Labor Senator Marijke Linthorst far. The final push gave a vote of the former MP Leerdam (PvdA) that the islands have the opportunity within 2 years with the conditions. " Although I think that period is an illusion, "says Linthorst.

Fuss

From Willemstad Carel de Haseth reacts irritated. He is the principal adviser to the Antillean government and former representative of the islands in the Netherlands. The Haseth : "What nonsense all these requirements. Take the prison. Netherlands since 1994 trying to clean up there. Let me see that all those sober Dutch fuss has not led to a model prison. "

State Secretary Bijleveld (CDA) signed agreements this week with the islands. In Willemstad agree on action plans and financial ratios. Linthorst senator is not convinced that the islands as "serious" go ahead. Ideally, she had the whole process stopped. "But what have you. The Caribbean country has proven that it is unable to drive properly. Then it that way. "Her fellow Senator Frank van Kappen (VVD) was with her. He sees the new Regulations as a " wurgcontract, we can not step. The liberal thinks that the Netherlands made a grave error : " The islands have the case reversed. The deal was : first to the requirements, then we in the West Indies and debts words print the autonomous country within the kingdom, but we have let happen that the financial part is arranged, it it were not for the other appointments. "

The transition to greater autonomy to the islands themselves are not fait. In Curaçao on August 27 re-elections. It should, because in the Island earlier this year, was insufficient support for the Constitution, as the hot new constitution. On St. Maarten is not even a draft Constitution submitted to the Island.

The Haseth predicts that attitudes in The Hague evokes old sentiments. " The most tragic is that the Court does not understand what's happening on the islands. Reaffirm the Dutch parliament remotely knows better what is good for the ex - colony. That people do not realize what the alternative would be that as it will go as in Suriname. "He made reference to the chaotic farewell of that former colony. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate).

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www.sxmislandtime.com (Sint Maarten)

PLKP Congress this weekend

Written by Andre Huie

CURACAO - Parties in Curacao are getting ready for elections. Elections for the parliament of Curacao will be held August 27 and the PLKP is hoping to present its list of candidates sometime next week.

Former Senator and minister, Errol Cova of the PLKP said their focus will be constitutional change. Errol Gooloo will lead the party and will host a party congress this weekend.

Cova said he told people in Curacao last October that the party would not be contesting the parliamentary elections in January but rather the elections for the island parliament.

Cova asserted that the focus of his party for this election is developing Country Curacao. He noted however, that the status that Curacao will be getting on October 10, 2010, is not what the people voted for in the 2005 referendum.

Hence, his party will be seeking fundamental changes to this. "We are against that because based on the right to self determination, we ought to develop forward and not backward," Cova said.

He is convinced that residents of Curacao are not in agreement with this new status. Elections in Curacao were called partly because the new Curacao constitution was not accepted by the required two thirds majority of the Island Council.

If the parties that form the majority are elected, the constitution of Curacao can be approved by a simple majority. If the opposition parties win the election, there will be a delay in the constitutional process, as they would seek to renegotiate the whole process, which will put Curacao in disarray.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

Unruly situation at information session

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THE HAGUE--Emotions ran high at times among Antilleans living in the Netherlands during an information session on the constitutional process Wednesday evening.

Initially, the some 100 attendees at the session held at the Antillean House listened intently to the presentations by Antillean Minister of Constitutional and Home Affairs Roland Duncan and Curaçao's Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs Zita Jesus-Leito.

Minister Duncan spoke about the right of self-determination, the new constitutional statuses, the amendment to the Charter, the different trajectories to realise the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles and the construction of the new entities, maintenance of law and order, public finances, personnel and the archives.

Duncan explained that the Antillean Parliament needed to adopt the amended Charter within one month and the Island Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten had to approve their respective Constitutions. Furthermore, an agreement needs to be reached with the labour unions about the positions of the Central Government civil servants under the new constitutional arrangements.

Duncan said that with the approval of the Kingdom Consensus Laws by the Dutch Parliament's First Chamber on Tuesday, he was 99.9-per-cent sure that the target date of October 10 would be met. After that date, the real work will start, he said.

Jesus-Leito said that Curaçao was working diligently to realise its new status as Country Curaçao. "We are eager to get things done. Ninety-five days remain, in which there is still a lot to do," she said. She called the situation in Curaçao a "big risk," in that new elections must be held on August 27 so the Constitution can be approved. "If we fail to approve this crucial law, we will be in big trouble."

After the presentations by Duncan and Jesus-Leito, Central Government advisors Etienne Ys and Susy Camelia-Römer joined the panel, and the public had the opportunity to pose questions. There were many

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questions, mostly on the situation of the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, which will become part of the Netherlands as "public entities."

At that point, the gathering got a bit unruly. People were eager to pose questions, and some members of the public were unwilling to wait for their turn. A woman from Bonaire loudly protested that the people of her island hadn't had a chance to speak on the relationship with the Netherlands. She said Bonaire was being re-colonised with the Dutch taking over the island.

Camelia-Römer tried to calmly explain that the referendum in Bonaire on September 3 would not deal with the issue of becoming part of the Netherlands, but rather would concern the division of tasks.

"The referendum doesn't have any effect on Bonaire's new status. The outcome is only important for the division of tasks – which tasks will be done by the Netherlands and which will remain Bonaire's authority," she said.

Camelia-Römer was interrupted several times by a few members of the public. One woman said the politicians would be "surprised" by the outcome of Bonaire's referendum. Duncan added fuel to the fire by saying that those who didn't like the outcome of the process were free to leave. This led to more murmurs by the public.

Jesus-Leito threw the ball back in the public's court. "We are not pretending it to be nicer than it is. After 10-10-10, we will start the building of Country Curaçao with better education and better health care. I am asking everyone who has a nice life here in the Netherlands and knows everything better to return to Curaçao and to help build a better future. What we need now is unity," she said.

Criticism by members of the public about the lack of information and communication with the people were met with loud applause. Some attendees kept interrupting the panel members, causing Antillean Minister Plenipotentiary in The Hague Marcel van der Plank to intervene. He asked people to remain calm and to await their turn to pose a question. He promised that there would be more information sessions in the near future.

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Antilleans uncertain new relationship with the Netherlands



THE HAGUE - In the run up to the new political relations between the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in '10/ 10/10 ' organized Antilles House an information evening for Antilleans in The Hague. In the crowded and sometimes chaotic information evening showed that the political changes raises many questions for Antilleans.

In a slightly chaotic meeting last night in the West Indies House, the official representative of the Netherlands Antilles Netherlands, the questions of concerned Antilleans shots back and forth. The questions ranged from, there is housing available for older Antilleans returning to return to their native island to the value of the new common currency of the country will be autonomous: Curacao and St. Maarten.

The central message of the politicians who place last night in the panel answered questions that were really not much changes after 10/10/2010. All public servants currently employed by the country Netherlands Antilles are employed by the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten or go to one of the tasks called BES - islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba). Ms Zita Jesus-Leito commissioner said that currently all these officials are negotiating their new employment and it is the principle that in any event will not worsen. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Heated discussion in Antillenhuis

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THE HAGUE — It was supposed to be an informative gathering on the political restructuring of the Netherlands Antilles, but it turned into a heated debate on failing communication, misleading politics and lack of assistance with well-intended projects. Host of the evening in the Dutch Antillenhuis, the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Antilles Marcel van der Plank, had had to call the audience to order more than once. “May I ask you to remain calm, as matters will otherwise get out of hand”, he said. And, “No, Madame, please, it’s not your turn!”

It had already gone wrong during the introductions of Minister Roland Duncan (of the Interior and Constitutional Affairs, NA) and Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR). In reaction to the statement from the Deputy that the approval of the Constitution on Curaçao was one of the most important obstacles, a female in the audience shouted that the referendum on Bonaire could still queer the pitch.

“But the referendum does not have any effect on 10-10-’10. The population of Bonaire has already made its choice”, said Jesus-Leito.

“No, the politicians of Bonaire did that. I didn’t”, the female said. During the entire evening, the female, Betty Engelhardt, supported by other Bonaireans, brought up the referendum – whether it was her turn to speak or not. “We’ve been misled by the administrators of Bonaire. We were to become boss in our own home with the help of the Netherlands, but we will not become a boss. Dutch civil servants come to the island to earn a salary in euros, while Bonairean civil servants earn such in guilders”, says Engelhardt. “You cannot state the population is misled”, says Minister Duncan. “Two elections were held on Bonaire and the population chose the same people twice.”

The former Antillean premier Suzy Camelia-Römer explained that with the referendum, Bonaire could probably only chose to perform more or fewer tasks itself, but that the integration with the Netherlands is a fact. “It depends on the formulation of the question”, says Camelia-Römer.

Upon being asked, former premier Etienne Ys gave some information on the BES-Islands, but with the comment that the expert panel consisted of advisors for the Antilles and Curaçao. “The BES-Islands have chosen to be represented by the Netherlands. Perhaps its an idea for the Antillenhuis to organize a special BES-day.”

Communication

The feelings were not only running high with the discussion on the BES-Islands. The remark from Jesus-Leito that Antilleans could easily apply for an allowance in the Netherlands, had led to loud booing, so that she had not even been able to finish her sentence. This was followed by complaints about communication. “People do not want to hear about legal courses or organizational courses. They want information as to what that means for them”, says Maruschka Gijsbertha, municipal councilor for the PvdA in Alphen aan de Rijn. A young male had wanted to know what Curaçao is going to do to bring criminal youngsters on the right track again – just as he once was, by his own account – and what the government is going to do to improve health care, thereby making a comparison with the health care in Mexico. While Deputy Jesus-Leito had tried to explain ‘in normal human language’, there was no money for those kinds of matters to-date, Duncan remarked that Curaçao and Mexico could not be compared with one another.

The skirmish between the Minister and the questioner had eventually led to the young male remarking,

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"Your behavior disturbs me", whereupon he left the audience in a fit of anger. Afterwards, former premier Ys repeated his suggestion for more informative gatherings.

Van der Plank was favorably disposed towards this, as he explained afterwards. "I had not expected this. The intention was to give information on the political restructuring, but there is more need for information on other subjects. We must consider how to realize this." On the necessity to intervene during the evening, he said, "I become irritated when people start shouting and interrupt each other. I can't stand that."

Minister Duncan: "I realize that this was the first time these people had the chance to vent their dissatisfaction on Antillean members of government. However, when they say we are good for nothing, then I will oppose such adequately. I push back. I am not pretending things are different. Perhaps it will not work out at all, there is no guarantee whatsoever, but we will try to make something of it."

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De Jongh-Elhage: 'The ball is now on our court'

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WILLEMSTAD — The next important step for the political transformation process for Curaçao is that the Island Council approves the Constitution for the future country Curaçao. Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage said this yesterday during a press conference in The Hague after the Upper Chamber had approved the consensus National Laws and the amendment of the Statute.

De Jongh-Elhage said the approval of the Upper Chamber was a new victory for the people of Curaçao en route to the autonomy status within the Kingdom, for which it had chosen during a referendum. However, she immediately warned another important step is still to be taken. This regards the Island Council approving the Constitution. If this does not take place, the entire process will come to a standstill and one will have to negotiate with the Dutch government again on a new Constitution. How long this will take is therefore obscure, according to the Premier.

It should be mentioned, that the warning from De Jongh-Elhage would be one of the most important subjects in the PAR campaign for the upcoming elections for the Island Council. The ball is now in our corner. The Island Council must approve the Constitution. Subsequently, a thing or two will have to be ratified during the final Round Table Conference of September 9th – followed by festivities on October 10th 2010."

Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR), who spoke on behalf of Curaçao during the meeting of the Upper Chamber, was particularly pleased with the attitude of Aruba, who had acquired the autonomy status already 26 years ago. "Aruba now wants to cooperate with us. One is even viewing the possibilities to participate with one or more consensus National Laws", says Jesus-Leito.

Chairman of the Parliament, Pedro Atacho (PAR) called it a historic day, but also pointed out that the course of the Statute amendment is not over yet. The Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles and that of Aruba still have to adopt a law that ratifies the Statute amendment. This requires a two-third majority, in which case 15 State-members have to vote in favor of the amendment. If there is no two-third majority, then the same law could be presented to the States a second time within 30 days, in which case a normal majority is sufficient. Atacho expects to enter the discussion of the law on the agenda in a meeting of the Central Committee at the end of this month, beginning next month.

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Opposition: no jubilant mood

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WILLEMSTAD — The opposition parties MAN and PS are not pleased with the approval from the Dutch Upper Chamber of the consensus National Laws and the statute amendment that clears the way for the start of a self-governing Curaçao per October 10th of this year. Both Charles Cooper (MAN) and PS-leader Helmin Wiels spoke of the beginning 'recolonizing' Curaçao this morning.

According to MAN-leader Cooper, he does not share the jubilant mood of the coalition parties on the decision from the Dutch Upper Chamber. "There is nothing to be jubilant about. The Netherlands get another three islands, while Curaçao and St. Maarten are being colonized again. The islands will be placed under financial supervision. The social events will resort under the Netherlands as well, because we receive money via USONA. They want to pretend otherwise, but nothing will remain of our autonomy."

Cooper strongly criticizes the fact that the coalition parties with the PAR in the lead, are only out to realize the target date of 10-10-'10 no matter how. "That's their aim. They do not care about the quality of the autonomy. There is no question of voluntariness here. We cannot simply step out. The current agreement is that the Dutch Lower and Upper Chamber must indicate whether we comply with the standards. This will lead to a divided autonomy", says the MAN-leader.

Wiels is also pessimistic about the occurrence in the Dutch Upper Chamber. He described it as a day of mourning for Curaçao and spoke of re-colonization as well. "We are being placed under permanent legal restraint. The Netherlands determines, draws up the exams, thinks up the questions and soon determines whether we comply with the conditions to be removed from under the legal restraint. The only way out, is that of independence."

As expected, PAR-chairman Glenn Sulvaran does not agree with Cooper and Wiels. "We chose to continue the development of our people with Dutch expertise. We must admit that the status of affairs in our prison and with our police is not optimum. We must be realistic. The opposition must not play politics with the safety of this population. As regards Curaçao, we will be ready with the re-organization of the prison and the police within two years. It regards the service provision to the people. That's what's important to us."

Now that the approval of the Dutch Upper Chamber is a fact, it is now up to the Curaçao people, according to Sulvaran. The latter is to choose a coalition with the elections that supports the current Constitution for the future country Curaçao, according to the PAR State-member. "These elections are necessary because there was no two-third majority for the Constitution. The people must side with the coalition who supports the Constitution, because if there is no majority for the Constitution soon, our autonomy will be postponed indefinitely."

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[Senate unanimously approves 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws](#)

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THE HAGUE--The Dutch First Chamber unanimously approved the package of ten Kingdom Consensus Laws, including an amendment to the Charter, on Tuesday, essentially granting Curaçao and St. Maarten the status of country within the Kingdom and confirming the integration of the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba as public entities of the Netherlands, effective October 10.

The liberal democratic VVD party and Labour Party PvdA kept everyone present, including delegations from the Antillean Government, Curaçao and St. Maarten, in suspense until the last moment, especially because VVD had voted against the amendment to the Charter during the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws in April this year.

"Yeah!" shouted a member of one of the islands' delegation when VVD Senator Frank van Kappen announced shortly before the moment of voting that his party had decided to vote in favour of all 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws.

Motivating his vote, Van Kappen said two factors had contributed to the VVD's change of mind: the speeches by Prime Ministers Emily de Jongh-Elhage of the Netherlands Antilles and Mike Eman of Aruba, and the fact that the elimination of the double layer of government would result in a better view to structurally improve the islands' future.

"The alternative would have been a vacuum and that would not have served anyone's purpose. I wish the future countries much success," said Van Kappen.

After this, First Chamber Chairman René van der Linden called for the voting. All 75 Senators stood up to confirm their support for the laws. Loud clapping, cheering, shaking hands and hugs followed.

Prior to Van Kappen, PvdA Senator Marijke Linthorst had stated that her party had entered the debate "very critical." She said there was "almost no alternative" if the Senate had said no to the law package.

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Linthorst said PvdA was happy to note that Dutch Government was willing to get and keep the new countries on course. She further stated that the new constitutional relations should not be the result of Kingdom partners being condemned to each other, but it should lead to a new beginning with better opportunities for the people of the islands.

Prime Ministers De Jongh-Elhage and Eman confirmed their commitment to being loyal partners and showed willingness to improve relations in the Kingdom. Both speeches drew loud applause, an expression that is seldom shown in the stately First Chamber.

De Jongh-Elhage expressed the hope that the constitutional changes would "result in a revival and broadening of the Kingdom ties, not only by politicians and civil servants, but especially in the hearts of the citizens."

She said that even though this legislation package meant the conclusion of an "unprecedented complex constitutional operation," the islands realised very well that the real work would start on October 10, 2010, when the new relations go into effect. She said the dismantling the Netherlands Antilles would have an emotional effect on some, but cutting old ties was necessary to revive new, hopeful relations.

Constructive

Eman called on his partners in the Kingdom to continue building a "constructive, positive" Kingdom. He said the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles was a start for the new countries, a development that had Aruba's complete support. He called the Kingdom a "safe haven in a rough sea" and said cooperation didn't restrict Aruba's autonomy. "Together we can achieve more. Let's put our distrust aside and see where synergy is possible," he said.

It was also through the speeches of Commissioners William Marlin of St. Maarten and Zita Jesus-Leito of Curaçao, who defended the desire of their islands to attain country status, that the Senate was convinced to vote unanimously in favour of the law package. (See related article)

Dutch caretaker Minister of Justice, Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State Secretary of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten also were successful in convincing the Senate that, if necessary, the Netherlands, through the Kingdom Council of Ministers, would intervene if Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten didn't live up to the set criteria and plans of approach.

"We will apply article 43 (a measure of intervention defined in the Charter, ed.)," said Bijleveld-Schouten. However, she was positive that the removal of the "rubber layer," the Central Government, would lead to a clearer and more effective and direct structure.

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The Senate showed general support for St. Maarten as a Country within the Kingdom, but not without expressing its concerns. "We are still worried about St. Maarten. Great efforts will be required to ensure that this island truly achieves the level of country," stated Christian Democratic Party CDA Senator Sophie van Bijsterveld during the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on Tuesday.

Labour Party PvdA has had its doubts about the status of country for Curaçao and St. Maarten. "These doubts especially concerned St. Maarten," stated PvdA Senator Marijke Linthorst. This had to do with the poor system for maintenance of law and order, but also the scale of the islands, she said. She wondered how St. Maarten would be able to function as a full-fledged country with 40,000 to 70,000 inhabitants.

Senator Van Kappen VVD said he was worried that the execution of the plans of approach for St. Maarten could take many years. He remarked that originally it had been agreed that Curaçao and St. Maarten would first comply with all conditions before attaining country status. With the General Measure of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregel van Rijksbestuur), which incorporates the plans of approach, the agreement was reversed, as the islands will attain country status without complying with all pre-set criteria.

The Socialist Party (SP) was concerned about St. Maarten's ability to comply with financial supervision. Senator Sineke ten Horn referred to an article in The Daily Herald which stated that Curaçao wasn't very inclined to cooperate with St. Maarten in a joint Central Bank because the latter lacked budget discipline.

"St. Maarten's 2010 budget was realised under difficult circumstances and was only approved by the Committee for Financial Supervision at the very last minute," she said. SP didn't approve the Kingdom Consensus Law on Financial Supervision. It was the only party that voted against one of the laws.

Police

SP also expressed concerns about the current capacity of the Police Forces on the islands, especially St. Maarten. "There is still a lot to do before the Police Force is up to par. SP is aware of the gigantic task facing the islands where it comes to international, border-crossing crime," stated Ten Horn.

Approved on Tuesday were the Kingdom Laws to amend the Charter, establish the Joint Court of Justice, the Prosecutors' Offices, the Police Forces and the Council for the Maintenance of Law and Order, the Regulations for the Governors of Curaçao and St. Maarten, the law to adapt the Kingdom Laws to create the new countries, the law on Financial Supervision and the determination of the maritime borders.

Whether the new relations can actually go into effect on October 10 is up to Curaçao and St. Maarten. St. Maarten's Island Council should approve the Constitution for Country St. Maarten on July 19 or 20, said Commissioner Marlin. Elections will take place in Curaçao on August 27, as the Island Council didn't approve the Constitution with the required two-thirds majority. After the elections, the Constitution can be approved with a simple majority. **Suzanne Koelega**

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Upper Chamber approves National Laws

6 Jul, 2010, 07:47 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — The Upper Chamber unanimously approved the National Laws today that were necessary for the new status of the Antilles per October 10th 2010, including the National Law for the Amendment of the Statute and the National Law that enables the Order of National Council (AMvRB). The SP was the only party who had objected the law for financial supervision.

“Despite the differences there may be between the islands, we all set store with the bond with the Kingdom. It would be advisable if we were to approach that what binds us”, said Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage a few minutes before the voting, when it was actually already clear the laws would be adopted. The Aruban Premier Mike Eman expressed his admiration for all that was realized within such a short time. “We are pleased to have cooperated with this.”



Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage (second from left) in conversation with the Dutch Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, Ernst Hirsch-Ballin and State-Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten during the consultation today in the Upper Chamber.

The turn out of the voting is the result of considerable lobbying during the dinner, which the Antillean and Aruban delegation members had had Monday evening, but particularly also for the promise from State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten of Kingdom Relations and Minister Ernst Hirsch-Ballin of Justice that the Netherlands will indeed intervene if such is necessary.

Most of the Chamber-members had wanted a clear answer to the question whether the Netherlands would make use of the possibility to intervene as soon as problems in the judicial or financial field would occur. Exactly for that reason, one had requested a possible prolongation of the Order in National Council. “We vote in favor because there is no alternative, but also because of that promise from the State-Secretary”, says PvdA Upper Chamber member Marijke Linthorst, who is also chairwoman of the Committee Netherlands-Antillean and Aruban Affairs.

VVD-member Frank van Kappen, with whom one had held intensive conversations to win him over according to parties involved, also said there was actually no alternative. “If we vote against, there is an administrative vacuum, but the decisive vote in favor is that the double administrative layer disappears, whereby we have a better view on each other.”

The falling away of the double administrative layer is also one of the reasons that Bijleveld-Schouten has confidence and why she just yet doesn't assume the Netherlands will have to intervene at any given moment. “That is an ultimate remedy. An attempt will first be made to find a solution by means of cooperation. Only when that cooperation does not bear fruit, will we intervene afterwards. The National Council of Ministers could subsequently make an arrangement, and we shall take that seriously as well”, says the State-Secretary.

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Van Kappen further remarked there was hardly a time in the past when intervention was required because the Netherlands had no other means than superior supervision. "We only had that one hammer in our tool box. Perhaps we should expand our tool box with more refined ways", says Van Kappen, who found the application of the Order in National Council to force a decision on the domicile of the Court, for example, much too severe. Other Chamber-members also appeared to support more means to monitor the status of affairs on the islands and adjust such if necessary. Bijleveld said this was a good subject to include in the further interpretation of the Kingdom after 10-10-2010.

Finally, the democratic deficit also came up for discussion. Paul Croes, chairman of the Aruban States, repeated his plea for a Kingdom organization that could bring up solutions for disputes between the countries in the Kingdom. "An AMvRB does not fit within the Kingdom. An independent Kingdom organ, that could solve disputes in consensus and act upon cross border subjects, will reduce the democratic deficit and improve the relationships", says Croes. His suggestion will also be included in further discussions.

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New Kingdom in sight

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The Senate on July 6, almost unanimously agreed with the consensus federal laws that the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles possible. The move to the new status of the future countries Curaçao and St. Maarten and the BES - islands it is a lot closer.

The joy was great and discharge when it became clear that the Senate approving the consensus federal laws. Antillean politicians in the room and congratulated each other in the stands immediately to the result achieved. In their speeches did Emily de Jongh - Elhage and Mike Eman, respectively, the prime ministers of the Dutch Antilles, and Aruba, already know like to look forward to a redefinition of the relations within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Both prime ministers stressed that citizens must play an important role in the formation of the new kingdom. De Jongh - Elhage : "For many political, socio - cultural, economic and geographic differences there are: our people attach great importance to maintaining ties within the Kingdom. In spite of things that divide us, there is much that unites us will remain binding. It would be good if we come back a little more time to emphasize that what unites us and what is correct, of course, without the problems that exist to deny or downplay."

"The Kingdom is a safe haven in a turbulent sea," said Eman. He hopes to strengthen cooperation within the Kingdom, because he sees this as a means to a better position in a globalizing world. Aruba is the island for that matter went before in terms of experience: "We know the emotional and Concretely, it means."

Votes

The stemmingsrondesverliepen smoothly. Only the SP voted against the Act of the Financial Supervision. In the vote on the amendment of the Statute made Marijke Linthorst (PvdA) and Frank van Kappen (VVD) some critical remarks. Linthorst: " We are voting for, because there is hardly an alternative. "She wants Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld stick to the commitments on course for the new countries. Van Kappen said in particular to vote because the new governance structures, the double layer disappears: " Then we can better maintain an overview of all issues and problems through direct contact with each other."

Relief

After the conclusion of the meeting was in the room and the corridors of Parliament Buildings lot afgefeliciteerd. The special delegates and other attendees of the islands, including Etienne Ys, Suzy Römer and Dennis Richardson, were visibly relieved by the positive outcome of the day. Richardson, who is recovering from a serious accident: "Today I felt the pain, I was so happy." William Marlin hopes around July 20 in St. Maarten have made clear the way for the vote on the Constitution in the Island. "This is a load off my mind. I am glad it is over. Now it's up to us."

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State Secretary Ank Bijleveld and Minister Hirsch Ballin, see the result as a good basis to build. Hirsch - Ballin was twenty years ago at the birth of the first plans for political renewal: "It is nice that the House is now so strongly expressed support for the plans." Today is a historic moment was felt by all participants in the legislative treatment, said Bijleveld. "The speeches of the Antillean and Aruban Prime Minister were impressive." And she is happy to see that the Antillean and Aruban politicians an orange accent to their clothing gifts for the purpose of the Cup: " They stand for orange. That is something." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Senate deals with federal laws consensus

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Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage in the Courtyard

THE HAGUE - The Senate deal today (Tuesday, July 6) the consensus federal laws that allow political renewal.

A further milestone in the decommissioning process. It promises to be a long day, the agenda for dealing with the legislation until after 23.00 hours. Opinions are also divided on the seriousness of the day. Some critics see the sun in, others still expect tough discussions.

Members of the Senate and the Antillean politicians arrive at 9 am on a sunny goedgehumst Courtyard in The Hague. Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage has full confidence in a successful outcome of the discussions. A day earlier made it remains to lobbying leading up to the consideration of the legislation agreed by the Senate : " The proceedings of yesterday went positive and I am in good spirits." (Translated from Dutch using Google Translate)

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Certainly 10 parties will submit list of candidates

5 Jul, 2010, 07:44 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — 114,916 persons were registered at the closure of the electoral register last Friday, July 2nd. In principle, this number will participate with the elections of Friday, August 27th. According to reports, at least ten parties will report themselves next week at the Kranshi-building to submit their list of candidates – which event is usually accompanied by a lot of show and circumstance.

The number of 114,916 is slightly higher than the total number of voters with the State-elections at the beginning of this year – when there had been 114,215 voters in total, of which 74,713 persons had actually showed up on polling day. This amounted to a turnout of 65.41 percent. The number of 114,916 could be still be adjusted during the next days by possible deaths and people who are currently in the naturalization process. At this moment, the parties participating with the elections are in full preparation for the nomination, which is to be held next week Monday.

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Willem-Alexander and Máxima on Curaçao on 10-10-'10

5 Jul, 2010, 07:45 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD/WASSENAAR — Crown prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima will be coming to Curaçao on October 10th of this year to attend the festivities surrounding the dismantlement of the Antilles. Willem-Alexander mentioned this today during the annual Day of the Press.

At the threshold of the holiday period, the royal couple gave the media the opportunity to take pictures and ask questions. It is an agreement by which they are relieved from journalists and photographers during their holiday and can enjoy their vacation peacefully – wherever in the world.

This year, the day of the press was held in the rose garden of their villa Eikenhorst at country estate De Horsten in Wassenaar. Tanja Fraai of the World Broadcast asked Willem-Alexander what he thought of the upcoming dismantlement of the Antilles and whether he would be present. The crown prince indicated without consideration he would be coming to Curaçao with Máxima.

“This is a process that has been going on for a very long time now”, he says. “This was already discussed with the former Minister De Koning during my first visit to the Antilles in 1987.” Jan de Koning was Minister of Social Affairs and Employment, and had had Netherlands-Antillean Affairs (and later on, also Aruban Affairs) in his portfolio as of the Van Agt III-cabinet. In that function, he was responsible for the status aparte of Aruba in 1986.

The crown prince stated that since his first visit to the Antilles, he had continuously followed the process. “This is indeed a very unique moment in the history of the Kingdom, where two islands acquire the status aparte and three islands become a municipality of the Netherlands. For that reason, we find it important to be present on Curaçao on 10-10-'10. In any case, we are looking forward to this.”

Willem-Alexander hinted there was probably no time to visit all five of the islands, but that this could take place another time, according to him. Whether Queen Beatrix would come to Curaçao as well for the dismantlement of the Antilles is not known yet.

On another question, Willem-Alexander responded by stating he and Máxima were to board an aircraft to South Africa today to attend the semi-finals in Cape town tomorrow of the world championship soccer between the Netherlands and Uruguay.

For that matter, it is not known in Wassenaar where Willem-Alexander, Máxima and their three daughters Amalia, Alexia and Ariane will be spending their holiday this summer.


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Royal house at 10 to 10 -'10 to Curacao

Monday, July 5, 2010 10:34 | Source : RNWO | 



AMSTERDAM - Prince Willem- Alexander and Princess Máxima will 10-10 -'10 at Curaçao present during the dismantling of the Antilles. That the royal couple Monday, July 5 at the annual media day said in Wassenaar.

The dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles - Curaçao and St. Maarten where independent countries and Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba as a municipality in the Netherlands go - according to Prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima a historical process. That is why it 's important to '10-10-10 in Curaçao to be present.

Probably, the royal couple do not have time to do all six islands.

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Radio Netherlands

[Willem - Alexander and Máxima at 10-10 -'10 to Curacao](#)

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Prince Willem - Alexander and Princess Máxima will 10-10 -'10 at Curaçao present at the festivities surrounding the dismantling of the Antilles. That the royal couple Monday, July 5 at the annual media day said at their home on the De Horsten estate in Wassenaar.

The dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles - Curaçao and St. Maarten where independent countries and Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba as a municipality in the Netherlands go - according to Prince Willem-Alexander and Princess Máxima a historical process. That is why it 's important to '10 - 10-10 in Curaçao to be present.

"It is a process that has long been going on, "said Prince Willem- Alexander. "During my first visit to the Antilles, in 1987, was already discussed. Since then I have followed the process. I would consider this a very special moment in the history of the Kingdom. In any case, look we are here do at. " Probably, the royal couple do not have time to do all six islands. " This is another time. " (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Calls for more unity and patriotism

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PHILIPSBURG - The Island yesterday morning was the last time in celebration of the Dia di Bandera. As things now stand, the next insular holiday celebrated in the new Country Curaçao. In various speeches during the formal meeting, there were calls for more unity and more attention to patriotism in local education, while others held the election talk of new elections August 27.



Next year, Curaçao Dia di bandera celebrate as an autonomous country within the Kingdom.

Like many other council members described PNP'er Gimena van der Gen yesterday as a historic day. She pointed out that this is the last time that the Island Territory of Curaçao, the island's holiday would celebrate. Van der Gen took the opportunity to use her party's vision for the future to present Country Curaçao. The island has the pnp eyes will include moeten be populated with people who themselves contribute to their own development, there will be no discrimination, education will not only look good but also accessible to all and crime will plummet.

FOL Councilman Renfred Rojer stopped at the importance of patriotism, which he described as the willingness to fight for your country. He says that people should not ask what Curaçao can do for them, but what they can do for the island. The leader of the Orange party in the Island was also a plea for more unity on the island and called for a combining of forces in the interest of Curaçao.

Gregory also Damoen (FK) stopped in the interest of patriotism. He stressed that - how the future will also see - the Dia di Bandera always patriotism, unity, pride and a sense of respect will have to do. Damoen also launched the proposal to from 10 to 10 - '10, with the launch of the new Country Curaçao, every Monday to all the island's schools hoist the flag and anthem to sing, so the feeling of patriotism among youth to promote.

The meeting yesterday was also the first appearance of new independent board member Gerrit Schotte. Until recently, Schotte still part of the MAN group, but late last week he sent his resignation letter to the board of the blue party, after he had been asked to resign himself. In his speech Schotte was about the fact that this year for the 26th time the Dia di Bandera was celebrated. At the first celebration was Schotte himself nine years. He wondered whether the ideals of 26 years back now realized. He made a plea to the real problems of the people to address. Schotte also argued in favor of a change in attitudes to, ' because otherwise there will be after 10 to 10 -'10 change nothing. "

Schotte was succeeded by MAN leader Charles Cooper. For the Dia di Bandera MAN is always a special day. It was the late Willy commissioner Franco - MAN, which years ago was the beginning of the celebration of the island's holiday. Cooper grabbed his speech to strongly criticize the political trajectory

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of the current Executive Board. He did not think that the coalition can continue the process to continue without taking into account the fact that almost half of the society cannot agree with the current rate.

Aldebert Rooijers also has its own group of one recently in the Island, after he has broken with the NPA. Rooijers called for reconciliation between supporters and opponents of the political process. "We can continue to debate, but at the end of the day we must embrace each other, kissing and our differences aside. These little things make the difference between continue or give up. "

PAR - member Dennis Jackson anticipated the election of August 27 by pointing out that the people should vote so soon that the Constitution of the Country Curaçao in the Island can still checkout process. "The Constitution is the foundation of the Country Curaçao. We must now consider the meaning of our flag and know that we have our own future. "

Former DP'er and now independent Councillor Norbert George was in turn a plea for the country to rebuild Curaçao." Brick for brick, one street, house by house and neighborhood to neighborhood, we must build up the island again. We must organize ourselves for the new Country Curaçao. "

Not present in the Island yesterday, the council Helminen Wiels (PS) and Nelson Pierre (NPA). Also lieutenant Lisa Dindial uitlandig was because nature is not present at the meeting. Acting lieutenant Leonard Coffi replaced her and pointed out that a '10 - 10-10 not only the island territory of Curaçao will no longer exist, but also the functions of Island Council members, acting lieutenant governor and lieutenant governor to be in existence. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Nothing stands in the way of Upper Chamber discussing laws

3 Jul, 2010, 08:04 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD – Nothing stands in the way of discussing the consensus National Laws and amendment of the Statute by the Upper Chamber on July 6th. During an inserted meeting on Friday, the National Council of Ministers approved the amended National Law for the Order in National Council and forwarded such to the Upper Chamber.

The National Council of Ministers agreed with the text of the Order in National Council (AMvRB) that regulates the supervision of tasks, which the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot implement by themselves yet. For Curaçao and St. Maarten there will be supervision for the police and the prison. Plans of approach have been drawn up for this purpose. For St. Maarten, there will also be supervision for the population administration, the national criminal investigation department and the immigration.

During the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) on September 9th, one will also view whether St. Maarten had made sufficient progress in the fields of Environmental Planning and Auditor's Office. If not, then these will also be placed under Order of National Council (AMvRB).

"We have now complied with the conditions to get the National Laws through the Upper Chamber. Nothing stands in the way now of an approval", said the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles, Marcel van der Plank, after the meeting.

During the political steering committee meeting of last Thursday on Curaçao, the outgoing State-Secretary of Kingdom Relations, Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (CDA) together with the Antillean partners reached an agreement on the Cooperation Regulations plans of approach guaranteeing national tasks. Agreement was also reached on the issue that the supervision on the tasks, which Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot implement themselves just yet, can be prolonged. In this, one is implementing the motion of former PvdA Chamber-member John Leerdam. The Upper Chamber wanted that motion implemented before they would discuss the consensus National Laws on July 6th.

In the press conference after the consultation in the political steering committee, parties emphasized the fact that it regards a cooperation and not that the Netherlands imposes the new countries as to what is to be done. The political steering committee was a continuation of the consultation of June 21st, which was held via videoconference.

Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR) stated that Curaçao would do everything to ensure all plans of approach are implemented within two years and hopes a prolongation of the supervision will not be necessary.

According to Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage (PAR) everything is now ready for the final RTC to be held on September 9th. She lashed out at the opposition parties on Curaçao because they label the plans of approach as a step back to colonization by the Netherlands. "It's not about colonization, but about cooperation. Some people do not take the time to read the documents, as these clearly state that it regards cooperation with the Netherlands and not that things are being imposed."

Bijleveld-Schouten voiced the feelings of all partners who had signed the decision lists on Thursday, when she stated, "We are not there yet. A lot of work is still to be done." She named the plans of approach 'solid' and said they will benefit the population of the islands. The State-Secretary thinks that her letter to the Upper Chamber along with the amended text of the AMvRB and the Cooperation

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regulation plans of approach guaranteeing national tasks, can win the Upper Chamber over.

The chairwoman of the Committee Netherlands-Antillean and Aruban Affairs (NAAZ) of the Upper Chamber, Marijke Linthorst, confirmed that the public meeting of July 6th will take place despite the fact that the Dutch national team plays in the semi finals of the world championships soccer that day. The Upper Chamber has reserved nearly 14 hours to debate on the laws.

State-chairman Pedro Atacho (PAR) and his Aruban colleague Paul Croes will be allotted speaking time to explain the viewpoints of both countries on behalf of the Antillean and Aruban delegation. Before the Upper Chamber takes a vote, Premiers De Jongh-Elhage and Mike Eman of Aruba will address the Chamber-members.

During the consultation of the steering committee, it was further agreed that from the remaining 23.7 million guilders that is still available for the Plan Security Netherlands Antilles, 45 percent would go to Curaçao and the remaining part to St. Maarten. An amount of 19.2 million is allotted for bureau expenses of the project bureau Plan Security for the years 2010 and 2011 and ICT projects. An amount of 4.2 million is for the prison system. The same distribution code is also applied for the distribution of the remaining 4.2 million guilders available for the improvement of the prison system on the islands. A definite agreement was also made on the division of the estate of the Netherlands Antilles.

Curaçao will receive 73.3 percent of the division, St. Maarten 18.75 percent and the Netherlands (on behalf of the BES-Islands) 7.95 percent. In addition, the political steering committee requested the Committee Division of Estate to draw up an actual division balance per 2009 at the latest and a summary of the mutations up to the transition date of October 20th 2010, on which basis the division could be done. In 2011, the final division of estate will be determined per October 10th 2010 and if necessary there will be a final settlement.

The division of estate of the Bank of the Netherlands Antilles (BNA) will be done in conformity with the determined distribution code in the report of May 15th of the committee Inventory and Assessment of the estate of the BNA. Based on such, Curaçao will receive 65 percent, St. Maarten 26 percent and the Netherlands 9 percent.

With the exception of the material fixed assets and the museum collection, the estate will be assessed on October 10th 2010.

The resulting part of the Netherlands in the estate will be paid to the Netherlands by the BNA or its legal successor at the latest three months after transition date. The remaining part of Curaçao and St. Maarten will remain at the disposal of the new Central Bank. Curaçao and St. Maarten are being called to present the National regulation Central Bank to the Review Advisory Committee on July 31st at the latest.

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Hoping for agreement

1 Jul, 2010, 12:19 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The consultation of the political steering committee in the WTC only started around twelve o'clock. This is somewhat later than originally planned. The delay was due to a preliminary consultation between the present parties. During the past days, all participants expressed the hope that an agreement could be reached today so that the political course could be continued.



Premier Emily de Jongh-Elhage (left) and outgoing State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten consulting just before the beginning of the political steering committee this afternoon in the WTC.

The central point of today's consultation regards the question whether the Netherlands and the representatives of Curaçao and St. Maarten could reach an agreement on implementation of the motion from former Lower Chamber member John Leerdam (PvdA). The motion states that if the self-governing countries Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot comply with the standards after four years as mentioned in the Order of National Council (AMvRB) Surety plans of approach National tasks Curaçao and St. Maarten, this measure can be prolonged repeatedly with two years. The additional supervision cannot be terminated after maximum four years if one does not comply with the conditions.

The Dutch Upper Chamber has laid down the condition that an agreement is reached on the implementation of this motion, for their approval of the series consensus national laws and amendment of the Statute, which they are to discuss on July 6th. Both Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) and the outgoing Dutch State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (Kingdom Relations, CDA) declared they were optimistic an agreement could be reached on this point today. If an agreement is not reached, the Upper Chamber will not discuss the series of laws before the planned Final Round Table Conference (SRTC) on September 9th as a result of which the date of 10-10-10 as commencement date for the new political structure in the Kingdom is at risk.

During the consultation, one will further discuss amongst others an action plan for the police and the prison system, which was drawn up by the Antillean authorities.

A press conference is planned for after the consultation. This is scheduled to start at three o'clock in the afternoon.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[William hopeful about First Chamber talks](#)

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Says process too advanced to stop now

PHILIPSBURG--Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin is positive about the June 6 meeting with the Dutch Senate on the handling of the ten Kingdom Consensus Laws, including changes to the Kingdom Charter that will pave the way for the birthing of countries St. Maarten and Curaçao.

"I am hopeful when we arrive in The Hague and head into the discussions with the First Chamber that all will work out well," Marlin told a press conference Friday, joking that with the Netherlands 2-1 win over Brazil in Friday's World Cup soccer match the mood in The Hague will be a positive one, fostering positive discussions.

Marlin will lead the St. Maarten delegation to the Netherlands for the July 6 talks which will be preceded by preparatory talks on July 5. The St. Maarten delegation will include Democratic Party (DP) leader Sarah Wescot-Williams, Project Manager for Country St. Maarten Dennis Richardson, and Chairman of the workgroup for Constitutional Affairs Eugene Holiday.

The Curaçao and Central Government delegation will include Antillean Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage, Chairman of Parliament Pedro Atacho, and Curaçao's Constitutional Affairs Commissioner Zita Jesus-Leito. Only Marlin and Jesus-Leito will be allowed to address the Chamber.

"Initially they were not sure if they were going handle it. Then it was decided that they would handle it and now the only outstanding question is [whether] they will conclude the handling of it," Marlin told the press conference, alluding to the package of Kingdom Consensus Laws.

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Marlin said the Chamber can either vote for or against the package of laws or postpone its handling. Changes cannot be made. If they postpone the voting on it, it would mean the realisation of 10-10-10 as the date for Curaçao and St. Maarten attaining country status would then come under severe pressure or even become almost impossible, Marlin explained shortly after returning from attending the Kingdom Political Steering Group meeting held in Willemstad on Thursday.

While the date to obtain country status is not engraved in stone, the setting of a date had been important and had been a target to work towards.

"If, in a discussion, it is said we can't make it for logistical reasons...I don't think there is anyone in the Kingdom and, for sure, not me, who would say, 'Unacceptable.' What would be unacceptable is to say we are not handling it and we don't know when we will discuss this matter again."

Marlin said the people of St. Maarten voted ten years ago for constitutional changes and preparations have advanced to the stage where St. Maarten is ready to take over tasks and responsibilities.

"We are not ready with the institutions up and running, but we are ready to take on the responsibility. The dismantling has started and it's progressed too far now for us to say, 'Stop...that train, you're going too fast!' We have gone too far now to say we are going to stop, or we are going to turn back," Marlin told the press conference.

The Dutch, Central and Island Governments of St. Maarten and Curaçao reached and signed an agreement on the Plans of Approach for areas for which the new countries will not be fully able to assume responsibility from the Central Government by 10-10-10.

Marlin explained that the Plans of Approach to be instituted for areas that the islands are not fully ready to take over is not a form of higher supervision as is being peddled by some due to misinformation or for political reasons.

The Plans of Approach, which will span a two-year period, is being instituted to ensure the execution of tasks which the islands are not ready to take over. Their implementation will be overseen by the relevant minister in St. Maarten or Curaçao.

A Monitoring Committee will also be put in place to assess their implementation. If necessary, the Plans of Approach can be extended for an additional two years.

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St. Maarten Island Time (in Caribseek Sint Maarten News)

[Marlin: Success for SXM at PSG meeting in Curacao](#)

by St Maarten Island Time

Posted: Jul 2, 2010 14:18 UTC

PHILIPSBURG - Leader of Government on St. Maarten Commissioner William Marlin stated on Thursday evening that the Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting on Curacao involving the Dutch State Secretary Ank Bijleveld Schouten, was a success for St. Maarten.

Commissioner Marlin stated that they were able to sign off on forty two (42) decision areas and action plans.

He also confirmed that a decision was reached on the division of assets from the safety plan and that St. Maarten would receive 55% whilst Curacao will receive 45%.

The St. Maarten delegation will now prepare for the continuation of talks next week in Holland with the 2nd Chamber, convincing them that St. Maarten is ready to assume the responsibilities of Country.

After those talks the objective will be to complete the process of the needed vote on the draft constitution for St. Maarten. He believes that that process could be completed by the 16th of this month after which a date for elections could be set.

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US Consulate Weekly News

[Antilles – PM De Jongh-Elhage to Attend Parliamentary Debate in The Netherlands](#)

Netherlands Antilles PM Emily De Jongh-Elhage will be in the Netherlands from July 3-8, to attend the Kingdom Laws debate in Dutch Parliament's First Chamber on July 6. These laws are crucial in the Netherlands Antilles dissolution process which is scheduled to occur on 10-10-10. (Government Press Release)

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St. Maarten - Senate Puts Pressure on Political Steering Group ☐

Pressured by the First Chamber, the Dutch Government has to reach an agreement with Curaçao and St. Maarten about amending the General Kingdom Government Measure, during the Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Curaçao on July 1. If no agreement is reached, the First Chamber will not proceed with the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6. If the Senate postpones the handling of these vital laws, which include the amendment to the Kingdom Charter, the target date of October 10, 2010, to dismantle the Netherlands Antilles becomes unattainable.

The First Chamber has demanded an amendment of the General Kingdom Government Measure, which serves to guarantee the plans of approach for tasks that Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot fully assume when the islands attain their new status on October 10. St. Maarten Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin said that postponing the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6 would be "unfortunate" and a "disappointment," but it would not mean the constitutional change process has failed.

He said the St. Maarten Island Government had not received any definitive indication that the July 6 meeting would not take place, but he noted that stalling of the process at this stage would be unwelcome (Daily Herald, Antilliaans Dagblad).

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US Consulate Weekly News

Bonaire – Constitutional Referendum on September 3

The Bonaire Island Council decided that a constitutional referendum will be held on September 3. Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba, the so-called BES islands, have decided to join the continental Netherlands as public entities, but the current Bonaire Island government has criticized the process and the Dutch influence. They believe that Bonaire must obtain the same rights as a current municipality of the Netherlands. The referendum question is: "I agree with the negotiation result concerning the future constitutional structure of Bonaire," to be answered "yes" or "no."

Various Dutch politicians fear that the referendum could seriously obstruct the current dismantling process, but Bonaire politicians vowed to continue the dismantling process as scheduled. (Various media)

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Radio Netherlands

Political Steering Group agreed to extend control

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The monitoring of the tasks facing the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten are not ready can later be extended. This is the outcome of the Political Steering Group in Curaçao. This is the motion - Leerdam performed.

The Senate wanted the motion was conducted before the consensus found on July 6 federal laws would treat. Without these laws could 10.10.2010, the date for the dismantling of the Antilles, fall through.

Curaçao and St. Maarten will be supervised for the police and the prison. There are plans of action drawn up. For St. Maarten will I get the population register, and search the country for immigration.

On the line

State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld think they are now the Senate with the arrangements made on the line can be drawn. In the General Measure of Government Administration (AMvRB), which regulates the supervision, are sufficient safeguards built into the implementation of action plans.

During the Final Round Table Conference (RTC) on September 9 will also consider whether St. Maarten has made sufficient progress in areas such as Planning and the Court. If there is insufficient progress, then these should also be placed under the AMvRB. Now that may not yet be determined. Up for St. Maarten may recover three areas, said Bijleveld, bringing the total to eight can come.

Constitution

The Minister hopes that the Senate on July 6 on the State Laws will also be voting for the timetable to 10.10.2010 is 'critical '. The State also believes the uncertainty over the status of the Constitution of Curacao in the Senate to remove. Because without Constitution Amendment Regulations can not be made so that a country can be Curacao.

Following statements by the SP MP Ronald van Raak, who wants to know how to monitor the implementation of the plan is guaranteed, the State does not exclude that also in the Lower House is still a debate for the final - RTC. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[Editorial - The clock is ticking](#)

THURSDAY, 01 JULY 2010 02:48

Today's Kingdom Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Willemstad will have to produce agreement on the possibility to extend the General Measures of Kingdom Governance to manage the tasks that future countries St. Maarten and Curaçao are not yet able to handle on their own. If not, the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles and going into effect of new constitutional relations within the Dutch Kingdom will not be able to take place on October 10, 2010, as planned.

The First Chamber of the Dutch Parliament has agreed to still handle the necessary Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6 before its summer recess (see Wednesday paper) and make it all possible, but wants the motion regarding the aforementioned to be executed. Once agreement is reached at the PSG in Willemstad, the Kingdom Council of Ministers in The Hague can ratify it during an extraordinary meeting called for tomorrow, Friday, July 2.

Should all that work out, haste still will have to be made regarding approval of the draft constitution for Country St. Maarten, among other things. In Curaçao there was no required two-thirds majority for its future constitution in the Island Council, which is in the process of being dissolved with elections for a new council that can pass the constitution with a simple majority and will also become the first Parliament of Country Curaçao now scheduled for August 27.

In St. Maarten, elections will have to be held regardless of the outcome of the first vote on the draft constitution, simply because the future Parliament will have 15 seats, while the current Island Council has only 11. However, time to do so and still make the 10-10-10 target date for country status is fast running out.

The voter registry in Curaçao has already closed and Nomination Day for the candidate lists of the various political parties participating in the elections has been set at July 12. While the debate in St. Maarten on the draft constitution and other matters related to the new relations is still raging, time is fast running out.

In truth, today's PSG has little choice but to accept the possible extension of the general measures, which, according to both Dutch State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten and Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin, should in any case not be seen as Higher Supervision, but as a means to help the two future countries cope with some of the more difficult responsibilities that will fall to them. As far as St. Maarten is concerned, approval of the constitution and the scheduling of elections simply no longer can be delayed.

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[Senate agrees to handle Kingdom laws on July 6](#)

by The Daily Herald

Posted: Jun 30, 2010 13:47 UTC

THE HAGUE - The Dutch Parliament's First Chamber has agreed to handle the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6, but only if it can agree with the definite text of the amendment to the General Measure of Kingdom Government.

The Senate's Permanent Committee for Antillean and Aruban Affairs NAAZ decided this during a meeting on Tuesday. "We have seen the draft text of the amendment and it complies with our demands," said NAAZ Chairperson Marijke Linthorst in an interview after the meeting.

According to Linthorst, the draft text of the amendment to the General Measure of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregel van Rijksbestuur AMvRB) for Curaçao and St. Maarten gives content to the motion of former Labour Party PvdA Dutch Parliament Second Chamber Member John Leerdam.

That motion, which was approved during the handling of the 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws in the Second Chamber in April, states that the AMvRB can be prolonged by two years each time for the areas that Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot fully execute by themselves after attaining country status. The First Chamber demanded an agreement on the execution of this motion before handling the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6.

Linthorst said the Senate would only handle and vote on these laws when the text of the amended AMvRB remained the same after consultation with Curaçao and St. Maarten during Thursday's Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Curaçao. The amended AMvRB would have to be approved by the Kingdom Council of Ministers on July 2 and sent to the First Chamber that same day.

Dutch caretaker State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten had given the Senate the impression that she was convinced about reaching an agreement with Curaçao and St. Maarten on the issue. "We first have to see that," said Linthorst.

If the text is changed as a result of the consultation with Curaçao and St. Maarten, the Senate will still proceed with handling the laws, but the voting will be postponed until September 14, which is after the summer recess. "This condition is sine qua non [a prerequisite-Ed.] for a majority in the NAAZ Committee," said Linthorst.

But because taking a decision on handling the laws after the PSG and the Kingdom Council of Ministers meeting would not have been very efficient, the NAAZ Committee decided to go ahead with the handling on July 6.

The NAAZ Committee understood the fact that the delegations from the Central Government, Curaçao and St. Maarten would already be on their way to the Netherlands to attend the July 6 plenary session. Special delegates will have the right to speak at that

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meeting.

Linthorst said that she still considered the situation in Curaçao, where the Island Council has rejected the Constitution for Country Curaçao, and the fact that Bonaire will hold a referendum on its pending new status as "public entity" of the Netherlands "unfortunate."

The NAAZ Committee shows a lot more consideration where it comes to handling the law proposals for the BES islands Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. It was agreed that the Senate, as an exception, would work during its recess to prepare the handling of the Monetary System, the Admittance and Expulsion Law and the Safety Law for the BES islands.

Parties will submit their questions and remarks on these law proposals on September 14, after which the legislation could be handled and voted on in a plenary session on September 28. This would be in time for October 10, the target date when the new constitutional relations in the Kingdom should go into effect.

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Amigoe.com (Subscription service)

Rumors break loose List

June 30, 2010, 14:33 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The Island Council Elections scheduled for Friday, August 27 and Monday, July 12th as the day participating political parties, their candidates to hand, the rumor machine has already started about who is on the list will shine. Election time with his folkloric elements is clearly broken out.

Thus it is speculated that Martha Dijkhoff will re- enter the political arena with a high position in the list of Democratic Party (DP). Dijkhoff shall request that she recently " as an educational expert was a guest at the Democrats for setting out and taking her opinions on some of the local education plays. Party leader Norberto Ribeiro and others in the red side will Dijkhoffs believe very much because they consider them " by friend and foe as an expert is reviewed.

At that meeting, Ribeiro, who Dijkhoff all of their respective PAR - time knows, the opportunity to non - point agenda are to highlight ' possible approximation to the DP by Dijkhoff. " I then said that I prefer to stay active as a professional, especially in the educational and political purpose is to remain uncolored "says Dijkhoff.

Sandra Smith

While Forsa Kòrsou refrain from participation in the upcoming election, other parties are busy spawning potential votes tractors. Apparently it was never so good "fishing "for politicians" now several politicians are actually on a solo tour at the national and insular level.

But senior politicians are in sight. Besides the name of Marta Dijkhoff pops the name of Sandra Smith, who as Minister for Health and Social Development (MAN) has left a good name, then she moved with relative electoral success of the FK.

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The rumors that Smith machine is on the list of the DP will come. Self dismisses Smith, a top official at the Social Insurance Bank of the Netherlands Antilles, this entry way as rumors, these are just rumors."
(Translated from Dutch using Google Translate)

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[10/10/2010 hangs by thread](#)

06/30/2010 2:36 p.m. | Esther Schalkwijk



Curacao - The Senate on July 6 is the final Concensusrijks wetten deal. But whether the necessary mood for 10/10/2010 held and is open to question.

Only if there Thursday in Political Steering agreement comes on the "motion Leerdam, " the vote in the Senate place and can still be achieved 10/10/2010. In a rejection, the Senate 's vote on the Concensusrijks wetten out. Thus runs the dismantling of the Antilles certainly delayed.

Motion

The motion requires the monitoring of the tasks that Curacao and St. Maarten after 10.10.2010 are not in order, not put stop after four years renewable for two years but may be extended.

Confidence

State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld said make sure that the Antillean government and the island government of Curacao and St. Maarten during consultations with the Steering Committee to approve the text. It is not clear where they base. (Translated - sort of - from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Forsa Kòrsou not ' election ready '

29/06/2010 8:42 | Sander Cox



Curacao - Forsa Kòrsou (FK) claims to be not ready for the upcoming Island Council Elections. Therefore, the party decided not to participate in the elections of August 27. In 2007, the FF is 6.63 percent of the vote.

Party leader Gregory Damoen sees the participation of FK as an added value for a new government. The party continues to exist to help to continue to make to local politics.

Closing electoral register

Residents of the island who want to vote can still register until Friday, July 2 at the polling station. Those who are not registered in the population registry but which meet the requirements to vote may be requested no later than July 1 to work with the Civil Registry, Population and Elections. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Treatment Consensus National Laws Senate anyway

THE HAGUE - The Senate begins on July 6 with the definitive treatment of the consensus federal laws that the dismantling of the Antilles on 10/10/2010 as possible. First, the parliamentary committee that Naaz (Dutch Antillean and Aruban Affairs) decided.

It is still uncertain whether the Senate will also vote on the laws. That depends on the agreements Secretary Ank Bijleveld Thursday in Willemstad about the implementation of the motion - Leerdam. It is a longer period of supervision for the tasks set by the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten are not independently run.

"If there is ambiguity or loose ends in the agreements are then there is the possibility that we or the determination to start, but then it's likely the vote after the recess on September 14 takes place," says the chairman of the committee Naaz, Marijke Linthorst. She expects that on July 2 with a good text is agreed. According Linthorst is important that the agreements are properly regulated. (Translated from Dutch with Google Translate)

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Nomination new elections on July 12th

28 Jun, 2010, 08:10 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The political parties wishing to participate with the Island Council elections of August 27th must submit their list of candidates to the Central polling station on Monday July 12th. During these elections, a new Island Council is to be chosen, which is to serve also as the first parliament of the Country Curaçao later on. The lists must be submitted to the Central polling station between nine o'clock in the morning and four o'clock in the afternoon. The Central polling station is located in the Kranshi-building in Otrobanda.

Curaçao will be going to the polls on August 27th to vote for a new Island Council. This was a unanimous decision taken last Saturday by the members of the Island Council who agreed to dissolve themselves.

New elections are required because there was no two-third majority in the Island Council two weeks ago to approve the Constitution of the Country Curaçao. The adoption of the Island-regulation to hold snap elections also included the dissolution of the Island Council. The Island-regulation was adopted with nineteen votes in favor and nil against. Council-members Helmin Wiels and Nelson Pierre were not present during the voting.

At the onset of the meeting, several opposition members, amongst which Charles Cooper (MAN) and Gregory Damoen (FK), urged Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) to provide a guarantee as to whether the target date for the introduction of the new status of Curaçao per October 10th 2010 endures.

The parties have their doubts on the feasibility of 10-10-10 and therefore wonder whether the Island Council should be dissolved now.

In response, Jesus-Leito stated that in life one has no guarantees, apart from everyone having to die and everyone having to pay tax. At Cooper's insistence, the Deputy referred to the agreements made between the various Kingdom partners, which must lead to 10-10-10. However, Jesus-Leito's answer did not satisfy the opposition members.

Cooper further also urged to include a 'condition' in the island's law that the dissolution of the Island Council could be reversed if it appeared 10-10-10 was not feasible. However, the appeal from the MAN-leader did not find an audience with the coalition.

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Extra National Council of Ministers on Dutch supervision

28 Jun, 2010, 08:09 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — The National Council of Ministers has scheduled an extra meeting on Friday, July 2nd to discuss the prolongation of the Order in National Council (AMvRB). With this meeting, outgoing State-Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten (CDA) complies with the request from the Upper Chamber for a timely discussion of the National Laws.

"My input for this National Council of Ministers is that the design for this AMrRB is determined in such a manner that it implements the motion from Leerdam and others, which was adopted by this Chamber during the discussion of the National legislation in the Lower Chamber", the State-Secretary writes in a letter to the Upper Chamber. "In conformity with (...) made request, I will make sure the amended AMvRB will be brought to the notice of the Upper Chamber on July 2nd at the latest."

The motion from former PvdA Lower Chamber member John Leerdam enables the AMrRB to be prolonged on a two-yearly basis after the first term of four years. In practice, the AMvRB regards Dutch supervision on the implementation of the plans of approach for tasks that Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot perform on their own per 10-10-10. During her working visit to the Antilles and Aruba this week,

Bijleveld hopes to reach agreement with Curaçao and St. Maarten on the prolongation possibility. The Upper Chamber committee for Netherlands Antillean and Aruban Affairs (NAAZ) informed the State-Secretary by letter last week that the adoption of the motion by the National Council of Ministers was an absolute condition for timely discussion of the package National Laws, including the crucial National Law for the Statute-amendment. If the committee receives the amended law on July 2nd, a vote could be taken on Tuesday, July 6th. Delegates from the Antilles and Aruba will be present during this voting.

In her letter to the Upper Chamber, the State-Secretary also dilates on another question from the NAAZ-committee, namely which consequences the elections on Curaçao will have for the feasibility of 10-10-10 as date for the new political relationships. She writes she will point out 'the evident importance of a timely determination of the Constitution' during her working visit this week. She promises more information in the report of her working visit, which she will forward to the Upper and Lower Chamber on July 5th.

The NAAZ-committee will discuss the written answer from the State-Secretary Tuesday afternoon. Other subjects of the meeting regard the Safety Law and Monetary System Law for the BES-Islands.

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Schotte resigns as MAN-member

28 Jun, 2010, 08:11 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Gerrit Schotte handed in his resignation as member of the MAN-party. He announced this in a letter, which he forwarded to the executive committee of the blue party yesterday. Schotte's decision follows a previous request from the executive committee to take the honorable way out and hand in his resignation.

Schotte is currently a member of the Island Council as well as the States. He was chosen in both representatives organs through write-in votes. Schotte also indicates he will keep both seats. He does not wish to comment on his plans for the future just yet. In a reaction before the Amigoe, he announced his wish to remain active in politics in any case. He did not let on this morning whether he would establish a new political party or join an existing political organization. "I have several options. I'm 35 years old and I've obtained more than 9000 votes with the previous elections. I shall reveal my plans during the coming days."

In his letter, Schotte thanked the MAN for the fact the party allowed him to be included on a list for the first time. He also thanked the MAN for the confidence it had for him, in which he was even approached to become party leader in elections for the blue party. This proposal was withdrawn after Schotte had demanded the party leadership as well as the exclusive right to point out half of the candidates on the list. In his letter, Schotte states the following on this incident, "Unfortunately, for well-known reasons, this was not realized due to a difference of opinion and the question on how to achieve this aim. However, there are several roads leading to Rome."

Schotte states he has ambitious plans for the future. "I have ambitions, am enthusiastic to implement changes and come up with new innovative and modern strategies. This is my moment to choose a new way in which I have more freedom in accordance with a new vision to work on a permanent development of Curaçao and a better future for everyone."

Schotte concludes his letter by stating that his proverbially 'doors' will always remain open for the MAN. "In view of the fact that the objectives of the MAN and myself – namely to serve the Curaçao people – I am convinced we will meet one another one day."

FK not participating

The political party Forsa Kòrsou (FK) will not participate with the Island Council elections of August 27th. The party council and the executive committee decided this during a meeting that was held last Saturday. According to party-leader Gregory Damoen, FK requires more time to prepare for the elections that are to be held in less than two months.

The party has an eventful period behind them, according to Damoen. FK had not participated with the States elections last January on their own, but decided to join forces with the MAN and NPA parties. The

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cooperation under the name Lista di Kambio (LdK) had yielded the three parties five seats in the States.

As a result of that election turnout, both Damoen and NPA-leader Nelson Pierre ended up in the States. However, it didn't take long before matters came to a head between the three parties, whereupon Damoen and Pierre broke away from the LdK-party. Both are currently active as independent State-member.

Damoen emphasized this morning it was a difficult decision for the party not to participate with the elections. "This was rough. At some time, this party was established to contribute towards developing this country, but we must be realistic now. We do not have sufficient time now to prepare for elections." However, the FK-leader indicates the party will not disappear. FK will consider in which way they could continue contributing towards realization of the welfare of the Curaçao people.

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Island (Council) dissolved

Last Saturday, the Island itself officially disbanded. Several members of the opposition demanded a guarantee that it continues 10/10/2010 commissioner of political renewal Zita Leito Jesus could not give. Eventually disbanded the Island (Council) itself but with nineteen votes to nil against. Last week, the Constitution was not adopted by two-thirds majority, when new elections are necessary. Which will take place on August 27. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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New election fever on arrival

28/06/2010 9:38 | Sander Cox

Curacao - The final, on Friday, August 27 we will vote for a new Island (Council). That was Saturday by the current board decided. But why should we again choose a new Island (Council)?

About a week ago, the new constitution of Curacao sufficient support in the Island. The board was only a normal majority, while two-thirds majority was required. Under the rules, the Board after such an event should be dissolved and new elections come as soon as possible. If the new Island, once elected, they vote for the Constitution. In this situation, a normal majority, but enough to get through the system there.

Important vote

The new Constitution to the island Curacao is necessary as per October 10, 2010 as St. Maarten an autonomous country within the Kingdom wants to be. Prepare your voice so good choice for later in August, because your voice is finally a major impact on the future of our island.

Referendum

A week after the Island Council Elections will find an important referendum on Bonaire. On Friday, September 3 Bonaireanen bring their vote on whether they agree or disagree with the new status as a special municipality of the Netherlands. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Netherlands

Elections Curaçao on August 27

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The people of Curacao on Friday, August 27 can go to the polls for a new Island Council. This Saturday is decided by the current Island Council.

Curacao holds new elections, because more than one week ago, the new constitution of the island was insufficient support in the Island. Under the rules, the Board after such an event must be dissolved. Also new elections must quickly be issued.

The new constitution for the island of Curacao is necessary as per October 10, 2010 an autonomous country within the Kingdom would be. This will give the island a similar status as Aruba will acquire.

In '10 - 10-10 "is intended that the Antilles will cease to exist, Curacao and Sint Maarten and Bonaire are autonomous, Sint Eustatius and Saba, a town in the Netherlands. The issue is under negotiation since 2005 with the Netherlands. (Translated from Dutch by Gootle Translate)

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Curacao island council dissolved, elections called for August

Written by Andre Huie

Sunday, 27 June 2010 15:00

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WILLEMSTAD - The island council of the island territory of Curacao took a decision on Saturday to hold elections on Saturday to hold elections on Friday August 27th.

The elections will now give the island council the ability to approve the constitution by a simple majority during the second reading.

All of this became necessary when in its meeting of last week Saturday, the island council was not able to obtain the needed 2/3 majority to approve the constitution.



Commissioner in charge of constitutional matters in Curacao, Zita Leito stated on Sunday that the Governor dissolved the Island Council and fresh elections were called.

However, the sentiment in Curacao is that everyone was hoping that the coalition could have worked together to approve the constitution.

A campaign was launched in Curacao recently for those who voted no in the referendum against the constitutional developments, they should also oppose the new Curacao Constitution.

This movement is credited to have affected the chance for approving the constitution. Some people in Curacao disagree with this as both cases are totally different, even though the new constitution is similar to that of the current Netherlands Antilles constitution.

Meanwhile, the opposition has not objected to the proposal to appoint Frits Goedgedrag as the Governor of Curacao. Mr. Goedgedrag was born in Bonaire, raised in Aruba and has no professional ties with

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He was appointed Governor of the Netherlands Antilles after he served as Lt. Governor of Bonaire. It is a wait and see situation to see if there will be any opposition to his appointment seeing that he is not from Curacao.

It is expected that the other islands, namely St. Maarten and Aruba will appoint someone from St. Maarten to the governor position and not someone from elsewhere.

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The Daily Herald

Senate puts pressure on Political Steering Group

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2010 02:40

THE HAGUE--Pressured by the First Chamber, the Dutch Government has to reach an agreement with Curaçao and St. Maarten about amending the General Measure of Kingdom Government, during the Political Steering Group (PSG) meeting in Curaçao on July 1.

If no agreement is reached, the First Chamber will not proceed with the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6. If the Senate postpones the handling of these vital laws, which include the amendment to the Kingdom Charter, the target date of October 10, 2010, to dismantle the Country the Netherlands Antilles and establish new constitutional relations in the Kingdom becomes unattainable.

The First Chamber has demanded an amendment of the General Measure of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregel van Rijksbestuur AMvRB), which serves to guarantee the plans of approach for tasks that Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot fully assume when the islands attain country status on October 10.

The Senate wants the Dutch Government to execute the motion of former Member of the Second Chamber John Leerdam of the Labour Party PvdA and others. This motion, which the Second Chamber adopted during the handling of the Kingdom Consensus Laws in April, states that the AMvRB can be prolonged by two years via a Kingdom Decree in case the new countries are not ready to fully assume certain tasks after the AMvRB has lapsed.

That Kingdom Decree has to be approved by both the Second and First Chambers.

The Senate's Permanent Committee for Antillean and Aruban Affairs NAAZ Chairperson Marijke Linthorst confirmed the demand in a letter to Dutch caretaker State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten on Wednesday.

Linthorst stated that Curaçao's and St. Maarten's approval to amend the AMvRB to accommodate the Second Chamber's motion was a "conditio sine qua non" for the First Chamber to proceed with the planned handling of the 10 Kingdom Consensus Laws on July 6.

"If this necessary condition is not complied with, the members of the NAAZ Committee, after consulting their parties, will decide whether it is desirable to suspend the handling until after the summer recess or proceed with the handling on July 6, but postpone the voting until after the summer recess," stated Linthorst in her letter.

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NAAZ decided that the adapted AMvRB needed to be approved by the Kingdom Council of Ministers no later than July 2 and sent to the Senate the same day. According to Linthorst, Curaçao and St. Maarten would have to agree to the amended AMvRB during the PSG on July 1. The adapted law proposal could then be approved by the Kingdom Council of Ministers on July 2.

In a response dated June 24, Bijleveld-Schouten confirmed that an extraordinary meeting of the Kingdom Council of Ministers had been scheduled for July 2, with as agenda point the draft for a cooperation agreement, the AMvRB, guaranteeing the plans of approach for the tasks of Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten.

"My input for this Kingdom Council of Ministers meeting is that the draft of this AMvRB will be established in such a way that it will execute the motion of Leerdam and others," stated Bijleveld-Schouten. She promised that she would make sure the amended AMvRB was sent to the Senate on July 2.

Resorting under the AMvRB for St. Maarten will be the Police Force, Immigration, Federal Detectives, the Pointe Blanche prison and the Census Office. In the case of Curaçao, the design plan for the Curaçao Police Force and the improvement plan for Bon Futuro Prison will be placed under the AMvRB.

The State Secretary also responded to the Senate's concerns about the fact that Curaçao's Island Council had rejected the Constitution for Country Curaçao recently. Bijleveld-Schouten said she would point out the "evident importance of a timely approval of the Constitution" during her visit to Curaçao next week. She promised that she would inform the Dutch Parliament about her meeting with Curaçao on this point.

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[Antilles – 10-10-10 in Jeopardy?](#)

The Dutch First Chamber of Parliament is reportedly seriously considering postponing their scheduled July 6 debate, concerning the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles, after the Curacao Island parliament did not pass the mandatory legislation for the new Curacao Constitution; Island parliament elections (Aug. 27?) on Curacao are now inevitable.

The Dutch Chamber's first available option for a debate is September 14, five days after the scheduled final Kingdom Round Table Conference. (Various media)

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Curacao – Constitution Vote Lacks Two-Thirds Majority Support; Elections in August?

The Curacao Island Parliament vote for the new Curacao Constitution did not garner the mandatory two-thirds majority on Friday. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority support in the legislature. The PAR/PNP/FOL coalition (11 of 21-seats) and Aldebert Rooijer of NPA voted in favor; the rest of the opposition against.

Rooijer, at the same time, broke ties with his party and will reportedly continue as an independent Island Parliament member. After elections (August 27?) a simple majority suffices to pass the stalled legislation.

The coalition fears the 10-10-10 target is in serious jeopardy, because the final Kingdom Round Table Conference, prior to dissolving, is scheduled for September 9. (Various media)

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Curacao - August 27 Possible Date for Early Elections

Coalition partners in the Curaçao Island Government have identified August 27 as the most feasible date for early elections. Early elections became necessary after the draft Constitution for the new Country Curaçao did not pass an important local hurdle early last week, when it fell two votes short of the required two-thirds majority.

The draft Constitution will be tabled again in the Island Council for approval, when it will only require a simple majority for adoption. However, the present Island Council must be dissolved first, followed by early Island Council elections and the formation of a new coalition (Amigoe, Antilliaans Dagblad, Daily Herald).

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Council decides on dissolution this Saturday

25 Jun, 2010, 12:20 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The Island Council will meet this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock for a public meeting, in which they will have to discuss an enactment to make snap elections possible. The proposal departs from the dissolution of the Island Council so that snap elections could be held on Friday, August 27th.

The public meeting of Saturday follows a Central Committee-meeting that was held this morning. The 'Island-regulation for holding Snap Elections' for the Island Council of Curaçao was added to this meeting as supplementary agenda item. This Island-regulation enables the Island Council to be dissolved prematurely and that snap elections can be held. The dissolution can only take place when the newly chosen Island Council officially forms up, according to Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito this morning.

New elections are necessary because the Island Council did not adopt the Constitution for the future Country Curaçao with a two-third majority. A new Island Council will have to tackle the Constitution again, which could then be adopted by a normal majority. The Island-regulation determines that new elections must be called for within two months and that a new Island Council is convened within three months.

According to Jesus-Leito, this is why the approval of the new island law is urgent. That the council meeting will be held on June 26th, while elections are planned for August 27th, does not mean this contravenes the law, according to the Deputy. She indicates the island law will be published later on so that elections can be held within the legal term.

The Island-regulation, which is the main issue today and tomorrow, follows the approval of the Transitional Regulation Snap Elections – Island Councils Curaçao and St. Maarten, the so-called Duncan Law, named after Minister Roland Duncan (Interior and Constitutional Affairs, National Alliance). This law that departs from the amendment of the Islands-regulation Netherlands Antilles (Erna), which enables dissolution of the Island Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles in that sense changed - once-only and prematurely so that new elections can be held. The new Island Council – to be chosen on August 27th – also will be the first parliament of the new Country Curaçao.

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Curacao Legal Portal

'General Kingdom measures are not higher supervision'



THE HAGUE--The General Measures of Kingdom Government (Algemene Maatregelen van Rijksbestuur AMvRB) to regulate the tasks that Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot execute on their own are not a form of higher supervision, the Dutch Government has stressed.

The General Measure of Kingdom Government arranges the cooperation between the Netherlands and Curaçao as well as between the Netherlands and St. Maarten to ensure that the new countries after the change of their status can realise their responsibilities as separate countries.

Dutch caretaker Minister of Justice, Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten stated this in their response to the questions and remarks from the First Chamber. The 36-page document was sent to the Senate on Monday.

The liberal democratic VVD party had asked whether the General Measure of Kingdom Government meant that St. Maarten and possibly Curaçao in theory would attain country status but that in fact they would be placed under higher supervision.

The General Measure of Kingdom Government, AMvRB, entails the drafting and executing of plans of approach which is a responsibility of the country in question. Placed under the AMvRB for St. Maarten will be the Police Force, Immigration, Federal Detectives, Pointe Blanche Prison and Census Office. In Curaçao, the improvement plan of the Bon Futuro Prison and the design plan of the Police Force will be arranged via an AMvRB.

Execution of the plans of approach is not on a voluntary basis, explained Hirsch Ballin and Bijleveld-Schouten. To show their commitment to make sure these plans are fully executed, The Hague is making available a coordinator with the necessary government experience to guide the process.

The VVD also asked about the authority of the Kingdom Council of Ministers to intervene in case the country didn't execute the plans to the satisfaction of The Hague. The Minister and State Secretary stated that intervention would be to take decisions to make sure that the plans are executed. The last resort is higher supervision, as stated in article 51 of the Kingdom Charter.

As The Daily Herald reported on Wednesday, members of the First Chamber were not too satisfied with the answers by the cabinet. The Senate is considering postponing the July 6 plenary debate on the ten Kingdom Consensus Laws until September 14. This possible move, which parties are still to take a definite position on, might endanger the target date of October 10, 2010 to dismantle the Country the Netherlands Antilles and to launch countries Curaçao and St. Maarten.

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"Elections August 27"

June 24, 2010, 14:14 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The coalition parties had a meeting this afternoon at Fort Amsterdam, at a date to determine which new elections will be held. On the table a proposal for Friday, August 27. This is seen by all parties as the best option for the entry date of the new states by October 10, 2010 have to be met.

New elections are required to Curacao after the Constitution for the country not two-thirds majority in the Curaçao Island Council managed to get. In a second vote by a new Island, a normal majority comply.

But this demands that the Island Council is dissolved and new elections. Reportedly, the BC approach the Island next week with a request to dissolve the Island and the date when new elections will be held.

In the corridors has been reported days of Friday, August 27th as the day the election will be held. The coalition parties will be this afternoon at Fort Amsterdam the knot finally resolve. According to insiders, August 27 is the most feasible date, the target date of 10-10 -'10 yet to be achieved. Its success depends on the accord ring of the Constitution. Having yet to be approved, it will be the Kingdom Council of Ministers should be sent. Within the coalition takes into account that this process will be completed on time, thereby permitting entry of new states not to hinder. Expected the meeting for this afternoon 's agenda was little time consuming, since there is only one proposal on the table.

New elections will be held with pencil and paper. This after a majority of the Island Council members oppose the use of voting machines has turned. This decision implies that an additional sum of five tons will be used, in excess of nine tonnes is estimated that for an election. With the amount of five tons will vote pens, ballots and voting Wielsie bin, must be acquired. The voting will wheelie bin 's plastic ballot boxes to replace old iron, which is no longer available. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Upper Chamber pressures Bijleveld

24 Jun, 2010, 08:00 (GMT -04:00)

THE HAGUE — There is a realistic chance the Upper Chamber will discuss the package of National Laws that are necessary for the dismantlement of the Antilles after the summer recess and not on July 6th as originally planned.

The reason for this possible postponement is the consultation, which the Dutch government has to hold with the islands on a prolongation of the Order in National Council.

This is mentioned in a letter from CDA-politician Marijke Linthorst, chairwoman of the Upper Chamber committee Netherlands-Antillean and Aruban Affairs to outgoing State-Secretary Ank Bijleveld-Schouten of Kingdom Relations.

Earlier this week, the Upper Chamber viewed the answers from the State-Secretary on a large number of questions regarding the National Laws and concluded – as reported by the Amigoe last Tuesday, – that a motion from former Lower Chamber-member John Leerdam had not been adopted yet. It regards the motion that the Order in National Council (AMvRB) for tasks, which Curaçao and St. Maarten cannot implement by themselves yet, could be prolonged infinitely. The government wants to implement that motion, but only after agreement with the islands. “The current pursuit is to reach agreement on this in the political steering committee on July 1st 2010 at the latest. The thus adjusted AMvRB could subsequently be approved in a National Council of Ministers to be scheduled for July 2nd,” Linthorst writes. The Upper Chamber-member states an absolute condition that the amended law is in possession of the Upper Chamber that same day.

If not, the National Laws will not be discussed on July 6th, or in any case not voted on until after the summer recess, says Linthorst.

Island Council

The Upper Chamber also requests clarification on the fact the Island Council of Curaçao had not adopted the Constitution so that new elections have to be held. The committee would appreciate to learn from the government when the current necessary elections for the Island Council will be held and which consequences these developments will have to meet the target date of October 10th 2010 for the commencement of the new political relations within the Kingdom. The committee for Netherlands-Antillean and Aruban Affairs would appreciate your response to this letter as soon as possible, also in view of this Chamber’s agenda planning.” A spokesperson of Bijleveld states she will answer the NAAZ-committee, but her exact response is not clear yet.

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Radio Netherlands

Change BES Admission and Expulsion Act Adopted

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The Lower House Thursday, June 24 a bill that oversees the admission and expulsion of aliens in Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba adopted. A motion of VVD MP De Krom that this should occur, was rejected.

Before the parliament accepted the law was a vote of the VVD MP Paul de Krom vote. The VVD wanted this motion to continue consideration of the bill until the Act of the Movement of Persons and Rijkswisumwet in the House have been made and considered.

Adoption of the motion would be a line through '10 - 10-10, the deadline for the dismantling of the Antilles, mean. It was finally a motion was supported only by the PVV and SP. The Amendment Act is now BES admission and expulsion of treatment offered to the Senate.

The Minister Plenipotentiary of the Netherlands Antilles Marcel van der Plank was present at the vote and found it exciting. "Because of the motion of the Krom, Van Raak and Brinkman. If the motion had been adopted, we would not be 10-10, '10 pick. That would be very annoying have been."

However, there is much pressure on the target date for the dismantling of the Antilles. Van der Plank : "All the essential laws are now handled by the House. Now, the Senate discussed. This package has the first BES - passed laws, now follow the three laws and the BES consensusrijks wetten."

Illegals

Two points of the PVV MP Hero Brinkman was Thursday June 24 also rejected. He served a motion on the detection of all illegal immigrants in the BES - islands. He also served a motion for the abolition of the strict entry and residence requirements for European Dutch on the BES islands. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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BES VVD wants Admission and Expulsion Act hold

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The House vote Thursday June 24 on a motion by MP Paul de Krom (VVD) that the dismantling of the Antilles at 10-10 -'10 jeopardize.

The Assembly considered the bill on Wednesday, June 23 admission and expulsion of aliens in Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba. If it is to the VVD, the treatment of this Act are reserved.

The motion is signed by the members Ronald van Raak (SP) and Hero Brinkman (PVV). The VVD wants the BES Act only treat the movement and the Kingdom Act Rijkswisumwet by parliament. De Krom: "The date of 10-10 -'10 for me is not sacred, care should go top speed. We would attach to the bill in conjunction with assessing the Kingdom Act Movement of Persons, which is not."

Advanced

Should the motion be adopted, then 10-10 -'10 at risk as the date for the dismantling of the Antilles.

Resigning Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin should not think that the target date may not be met. "Soon, we just could not work with a survival of the Dutch Antilles is related, because the process is already so well advanced."

SP MP Ronald van Raak is not impressed by the advocacy Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin. "I will not be blackmailed. It's not only about this Kingdom Act on Movement of Persons. There is a lot not done. The constitution, the statute does not. The police are not ready, the prison system. There is almost nothing done. "

Only the PvdA and the CDA advocate treatment of the amendment Act Admission and Expulsion BES. Thursday June 24 the House votes on the motion, the Krom - cum suis. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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[10/10/2010 is becoming very tight](#)

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Curacao - The target date 10/10/2010 is seriously at risk. In response to the non adoption of the Constitution by the Island Council, the Senate is considering the treatment of federal laws consensus to postpone until mid September.

According to chairman of the parliamentary committee for Antillean and Aruban Prime Minister Marije Linthorst (PvdA) is not the adoption of the Constitution " a complicating factor. Furthermore, it is still questionable whether the new Island gets a majority for the Constitution is.

Delay

The plenary session is scheduled for July 6, but the Senate wants now postponed until after the summer recess on September 14. This would leave the final Round Table Conference on September 9 in The Hague can not go. That in turn would mean that the political renewal by October 10 is not reached.

Uncertain

It is uncertain whether the debate continues on July 6 or the Senate to postpone debate until September 14th. According Linthorst is preferred to delay because of the uncertainty in Curacao has arisen over the Constitution. In all likelihood this week will be clear when the Senate 's debate takes place.

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Curacao News (persbureaucuracao.com)

Treatment Consensus National Laws Senate to frustrate

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 10:19 p.m. | Source : Paradise FM |

PHILIPSBURG - The Senate is considering the treatment of federal laws consensus to postpone until mid- September. This is the achievement of 10.10.2010, da day when the Netherlands Antilles to be dismantled and the new entities to obtain their legal value is extremely uncertain.

Reason for the Senate to postpone any treatment is because they have no vision, or motion of the former Labour MP John Leerdam already been applied to the strength of the Empire Board (AMvRB). The motion stipulates that no monitoring of the Netherlands four years, but renewable for a period of two years may be extended if needed.



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Marijke Linthorst, chairman of the standing committee for Antillean and Aruban Affairs in the Senate says that the Court can not ignore the signs AMvBR. The West Indies will also have to approve the motion emissions, according to the Senator. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Reich laws in the Senate until September

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The Senate proposes to treat the consensus federal laws as possible until September. The target date of October 10, 2010 for the dismantling of the Antilles seems to be very uncertain.

Until now it was assumed that the federal laws at the last sitting of the Senate, on July 6, would be treated. Because there are few problems in the Senate were expected after the vote there would be certainty about the progress of the reform of the Kingdom on 10/10/2010. But that situation has changed.

Constitution

The [rejection of the Constitution](#) the Island of Curacao, where a two-thirds majority was the treatment of the item in the Senate put in question. It is uncertain whether the Senate under the Constitution after the elections is still being adopted, because the opposition fiercely opposed.

Without a Constitution can not Curaçao autonomous country within the Kingdom. In any event, the planned closing Round Table Conference on September 9 not continue if treatment is delayed in the Senate because the Senate shall meet again until September 14th.

Reply

Another factor that the Senate is not satisfied with the replies of Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin of Justice and Kingdom Affairs and State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld. They have no time for checking from the Netherlands in areas where the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten are not yet ready.

A General Measure of Government Administration should fill that gap, but it has a temporary character. Without a definite feeling about the Senate little consensus on treatment of federal laws. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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The Daily Herald (Sint Maarten)

[Curaçao prepares for early elections](#)

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE 2010 03:16

WILLEMSTAD--The draft constitution for the new country Curaçao did not pass an important local hurdle early Saturday morning, when it was two votes short of the number required for approval by the Island Council.

Curaçao is now readying for early Island Council elections that may be held in late August or early September.

Only 12 votes were cast in favour of the constitution around 5:00am, two votes short of the required two-thirds majority. Nine votes were cast against the approval of the constitution that would be the foundation of Country Curaçao, which is to be birthed on 10-10-10.

The draft constitution will be tabled in the reconstituted Island Council for approval. At that time it will only require a simple majority for adoption. However, the present Island Council must be dissolved first, followed by early Island Council elections and formation of a new coalition. The Executive Council now has to decide how to proceed with the draft constitution for Country Curaçao and preparing for elections.

It is considered "early elections" because the current term of the Island Council constitutionally runs until July 2011, but based on Duncan's Law published last week, it is now possible to dissolve the Island Council early.

Apart from the coalition members, Aldebert Rooijer voted in favour of the constitution. Rooijer said he had voted with his conscience and not "with the coalition" which, according to him, would suggest a compromise between him and the coalition parties.

"That is absolutely out of the question. The mentality and conduct of the coalition parties is not in keeping with my preferences. I see no further challenges in NPA now that Nelson Pierre has announced he will withdraw from politics," he said.

A possible positive outcome of the recent marathon meeting of the council is the fact it is now confirmed that elections will be held before 10-10-10. En route to the elections, it will probably become clear this week when the Island Council meeting will be held to deal with the dissolution of the present council.

It seems unlikely the current PAR/PNP/FOL coalition will win sufficient votes to remain in the administrative saddle. If the result of the most recent parliamentary elections is simply continued, then it's possible that PAR will expand, while PNP and FOL will become smaller and perhaps not even win a seat in the Island Council.

Gerrit Schotte, as leader of his own party in the elections or as number two on the list of an existing party

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could certainly pull a lot of votes, and Pueblo Soberano (PS) is in good shape. New political party País of former state secretary Alex Rosaria is also expected to do well in the elections, while MAN, NPA and FK are sitting on the fence.

Supporters of the draft Constitution were not found only in the Island Council. Lobby group Kousa Komún wrote to all council members requesting that they vote in favour of adopting the constitution as "a right of the Curaçao population," although the group also stated that there is "uncertainty amongst the population due to unfamiliarity with the contents" of the constitution.

PNP Party leader Gimena van de Gen argued that "the Country Curaçao deserves that its sons – members of the Island Council – adopt its constitution with a two-thirds majority" as this is an important step to fulfil the referendum wish as expressed by the people in April 2005.

MAN leader Charles Cooper, who voted against the constitution in its present form, said certain points indeed required changing.

Independent Councilman Norbet George accused "certain media" of prejudice in their reports on the constitution. According to him, this ruins the atmosphere and does not advance unanimity.

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Police and prison spearheads land Curacao

Published : June 22, 2010 - 10:55 am | by [Miriam Sluis](#) (Photo: [Miriam Sluis](#))

Curacao for the country during the video conference Monday, June 21 two action plans : for the prison and the police establishment. These are cast in general for the Kingdom (AMvRB). The plans of action must be ready for the second part of the political summit, which takes place July 1 in the Antilles.

Antillean Minister of Justice, Magali Jacoba, indicates that the AMvRB not in the traditional way should be interpreted. "We only know the strength of the National Board for Higher supervision. I can imagine that a bit of a bad flavor, but in this context is to ensure the organizations. "

Capacity Problem

Regarding the Curaçao Police Jacoba convinced of own abilities. "It is one of the things a bit hesitant about the Netherlands, but personally I know that we can itself, "said the minister. She admits that capacity is a problem, so it is currently working hard to recruit new forces. The capacity problem also applies to the prison.

Zita Jesus - Leito commissioner for Constitutional Affairs explained that the review committee prior to the Round Table Conference on September 9, 2010 at 'two weaknesses " was interrupted. Curacao must now ensure that these levels are. Jesus- Leito : "If we just be honest about what happens in prison, was recently a big action was taking so much material was confiscated. Such things should not, so we must ensure that that organization in such a way that it would not occur. "

Constitution

Prime Minister Emily de Jongh - Elhage was positive about the summit with the Netherlands. The prime minister is deeply disappointed in the fact that the Constitution for the country in Curacao June 19 with the required two-thirds majority was adopted by the Curacao Island. She hopes that the target date of October 10, 2010 for the dismantling of the Netherlands Antilles does not compromise.

"After the elections in the Netherlands, I said that the ball is now in our lap. That was referring me to the Constitution. But we shall now soon the Island dissolve, new elections and immediately the second reading of the majority, adopt and hope it succeeds, "says De Jongh - Elhage. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Frantic atmosphere in the Island

06/21/2010 9:01 | Esther Schalkwijk



Curacao - During the nineteen -hour marathon session of the Island Council on the new constitution went a bright state. Thus, Anthony Godett Pueblo Soberano leader Helminen Wiels a racist and accused Norbert George of the PAR ' power politics '.

By rejecting the constitution, is again in danger 10/10/2010. Wiels Godett said his nation has "betrayed" by the constitution to argue. Outside, " people on the streets to protest against your policy. They see the constitution as a threat to Curacao. The same people came to support you when you were in jail. But you have betrayed the people, you have the people turned their backs. Godett " previously voted against the constitution. Protesters stood outside the council chamber with drums and horns to demonstrate.

Discussion

Dennis Jackson, leader of the PAR is that the opposition has no respect for the people by the constitution to dismiss. The choice of Curaçao people to become independent when it is put aside claims Jackson. Norbert George complains that the PAR of power politics by the vote to go into without being sure of a majority. He thinks the PAR during the new elections would score again with their views on the political structure. The main argument for the opposition to the constitution to dismiss, was the lack of a system for convicted and suspected members of the States or ministers from office to set up.

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Curacao Niews (persbureaucuracao.com)

PAR accuses George of power drift

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Curacao |   



PHILIPSBURG - Independent Norbert George Island councilman accused of deliberately provoking PAR election by the Assembly on the Constitution to advance themselves without insurance to get a two thirds majority is feasible.

George bases his statements on the statement of Minister Omayra Leeflang on Facebook. In it, the education minister that the failure to obtain a two thirds majority, " a calculated risk "and that the political structure the issue again at the next election ".

Independent Councillor George Island suggests that the PAR is not to do to the Constitution by a two thirds majority to get and " finish the work. George: "It was therefore all about the fact for PAR still only remaining issue to save for the next election. Because if there must be policies, quality of governance and integrity, it also knows which side does the PAR the view it will fall and lose their power. I am just very reassured that despite this power drive, after the upcoming elections a new Constitution may be adopted with or without the support of the PAR. Surely, with the lapse provision for corrupt politicians, given the rich government 's " feeling " has clearly passed to consider this in the Constitution to regulate". (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate).

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Curacao prepares for elections

June 19, 2010, 14:00 (GMT -04:00)

PHILIPSBURG - The draft Constitution for the new country Curaçao has an important local hurdle can not take. This morning around five hours resulted in the relentless way in which coalition and opposition in the Island against each other here in a 12-9 result in favor of this bill - two votes short of the required two-thirds majority, but the coalition members voted Aldebert Rooijers before the draft (see context: "Rooijers independent "). If this bill is again presented to the board, it only needs a simple majority.

First the Island, however, be dissolved after that Island Elections are held and a new coalition to be formed. One of the first things the new Board of Governors will have to deal with the Constitution of the Country Curaçao.

If possible positive outcome of the latest marathon meeting of the council may apply the fact that now is fixed that for 10-10-'10 elections. On the way there will probably be clear next week when the meeting will be held in which the Island itself dissolves either before or after the recess.

New Coalition

It seems unlikely that the current PAR-PNP-FOL coalition will get enough votes to remain in the board seat. If the results of the latest country elections are simply extended it is possible that the PAR is growing, while the PNP and the FOL may be smaller and perhaps even a seat out of the Island. Gerrit Schotte - as leader of his own party or to be set up as number two on the list of an existing party that many voices can be hard to use - and PS are in good shape, while the new party of former Secretary Alex País Rosaria probably will score well. It can freeze or thaw the MAN, NPA and FK.

Divided opinions

Proponents of the current draft Constitution being of course the advantages they saw it. They were not alone in the Island: pressure group kousa Komún said all council members to asking the system to adopt, because it "is a right of the Curaçao population," all reports the group itself that there is "uncertainty in the population by unfamiliarity with the content "of the bill.

Party leader Gimena van der Gen (PNP) argued that "the country Curaçao deserves his sons - the members of the Island - its Constitution to adopt a two-thirds majority. According to the politician, this is an important step in the referendum wish the people in April 2005 has expressed, in fulfillment to go. MAN leader Charles Cooper gave against the bill in its current form to vote because some points it really is different according to the blue party.

The independent member Norbert George accused "some media" it biased in their coverage of the Constitution. According to him, that ruined the atmosphere and thus does not promote unity.

Rooijers independent

Aldebert Rooijers, before the agreed draft Constitution, shall in accordance with his conscience and not to have voted "along with the coalition", which he made an agreement between him and the coalition parties would indicate. "There is absolutely no. The thinking and actions of the coalition parties is not consistent with my preferences. Now Nelson has announced Pierre from politics to switch, I see no more challenges in the NPA. Though we sometimes disagree about strategy - I've always enjoyed working with Pierre. He

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is and will remain my leader. I do not blame him that during the last meeting ugly things said about and against me. Personally, I had never imagined that one day I would leave out a lot and would take the seat, but I think I like this country can best serve. "

Rooijers finds it too early for a private party to form for the upcoming Island Council Elections. "I study my options now. I would like to join an existing party, currently in opposition. What is undeniable is that I will not join one of the parties currently sitting in the coalition. " (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Curacao Niews (persbureaucuracao.com)

[New elections are necessary for the Constitution](#)

The Constitution of Curacao, say the constitution for the new country, last night was the hot topic in the Island. After a marathon session of 19 hours, the proposed scheme with a simple majority of 12 out of 21 cast. But because such a scheme is initially a two-thirds majority is required, new elections komem to get out there anyway. Because after this election is a simple majority enough.

The heated debate in the Island led to a split in the party Niun Paso atrás. Councillor Island Aldebert Rooijers annoyed as the qualification of his party leader Nelson Pierre on population, the coalition that he voted for the Constitution. Pierre had the Curacao people 'frustrated, stupid, mean, basically free, materialistic and irresponsible' mentioned. Pierre himself decided, following the separation of Rooijers he stays on as party leader and not leave as he had previously announced. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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New elections are necessary for the Constitution

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Virtual autonomy, political suicide and the hero of the evening. It was all over during the treatment of the Constitution for the new country of Curacao Curacao Island. The Constitution, similar to a constitution for the new country Curacao, was approved by 12 members of the Island 21. Lacked the required two-thirds majority, allowing new elections as a way of Constitution still believing. The new Constitution, the island then adopt a simple majority.

The biggest surprise of the 19-hour marathon meeting was the separation of island council Aldebert Rooijers from the Group of Niun Paso atrás (NPA). Rooijers distanced himself late in the night of his party leader Nelson Pierre, who Curaçao people earlier in the day "frustrated, stupid, mean, basically free, materialistic and irresponsible" she said.

Then Rooijers voted with the Coalition for the Constitution, earning him the title "hero of the night 'yielded. Pierre's statement was therefore already dismissed as political suicide, which the NPA leader said to waive his announced departure from politics as a Councillor Island to continue.

Opposition

The opposition voted against the Constitution, whose main objection to the lack of a system for convicted and suspected members of the States or dismiss ministers from office. The coalition wants this point, however, on the basis of feelings within Dutch politics to the franchise as little as possible, in an ordinance regulating. An attempt by independent island raadlid Norbert George and the Man Group for the scheme still on the Constitution to add, did not.

The meeting began at June 18th at nine o'clock in the morning with the question of MAN leader Charles Cooper about the competence of the Island to the Constitution at this time to deal with that one-positive-urgent advice from constitutional scholar Douwe Boersema was collected.

Article password

Ranging debate also showed that the Governing Board an article in the Constitution had forgotten. The article, which regulates the possibility for the future parliament to Curaçao currently pending ordinance by the Antillean States to take over was by an emergency meeting of the Central Commission subsequently added to the Constitution.

Also showed that the procedure does not a decision had to be decided Island, as offered by the College Board, but by a Regulation Island. These were eventually adopted by 12 votes to 9 votes.

Struggle

Eventually the Constitution deployment of long-standing battle between the coalition and opposition in the Curaçao Island Council on the direction of political change. This conflict over the desirability of increasing Dutch influence on the future land Curacao in late November 2006 started with the rejection of the Final Declaration of the Island. Just as, a group of demonstrators protested with whistles, drums and other noise-producing attributes outside the building of the Island. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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'Nature protection should be included in Constitution'

18 Jun, 2010, 12:28 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — According to Amigu di Tera and Defensa Ambiental the protection of the island's nature also should be included in the Constitution. For this purpose, both environmental organizations forwarded a joint letter to Deputy of Political Structure, Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR) with the request to 'provide for this gap by adjusting article 22 of the Constitution'.

"Article 22 namely only regards protection and improvement of the living environment" according to the organizations. "As the nature is mentioned nowhere in the Constitution, one could infer from article 22 that it regards the living environment of mankind. However, on our island we experience on a daily basis that expansion of this living environment is actually at the expense of the landscape, plants, animals and the maritime life, to put it briefly - of the nature. To balance the natural environment and what people do to such, it is necessary to clearly state that protection and improvement of the nature is also a task of the government."

Nature destruction on Curaçao and elsewhere is beginning to cause the population increasingly more anxiety, according to the organizations. "The government actually also acknowledges the nature is valuable. After all, the international Biodiversity-Treaty has been signed and the Board of Governors approved the execution for Curaçao some years ago.

Already the first sentence of the preamble of this treaty mentions that the nature in itself is valuable. It is actually very strange if the government supports this fundamental principle in an international treaty, but does not include such in the Constitution."

Amigu di Tera and Defensa Ambiental are of the opinion that in addition there should actually be attention for 'climate changes with the expected more stronger hurricanes and the rising sea level, the worldwide deforestations and overfishing, the raw materials and (fossil) energy shortage, the necessity of very carefully managing the space on small islands, the food safety and surety, pollution of air, land and sea, and several other matters that are particularly critical for small islands'.

In addition to the environmental aspect, Amigu di Tera and Defensa Ambiental also find that the citizen is not being protected sufficiently against the political power. "This experience is shared by more citizen organizations and individual citizens on almost all possible social fields. In the field of environment, our politicians and administrators even go so far they loudly announce in advance that no value will be attached to the objections made by concerned citizens against projects that cause damage to our nature. Interests from private developers are forced through at the expense of the public interest. In this, the new Constitution barely offers protection to the weaker parties in the society."

The population is being debarred from the coastal area more and more, according to the organizations. "Understandably, the resistance against such is substantial. Although many politicians regret this exclusion verbally, they made no principle matter of such in the new Constitution. In this respect, the Constitution seems to offer the citizen little, but a lot to private powers that gradually impose their will on the community. Therefore, one cannot say the Constitution is modernized."

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Island-territory authorized to approve Constitution of Curaçao

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WILLEMSTAD — This morning's Island Council meeting with the agenda item 'approval of the draft Constitution for the country Curaçao' was only able to begin after a second opinion was obtained from constitutional professor Douwe Boersema. This advice regarded the authority of the Island Council to approve a Constitution now, while the Statute is not amended yet and the Lower Chamber of the States General still has to discuss this on July 6th.

The opposition parties were the ones who wondered which law regulates the authority to adopt the Constitution, in other words whether the island-territory could adopt the Constitution for the future country Curaçao. "What happens if the Lower chamber rejects the Statute-amendment? We are busy with a process, while the rules of the game are not entirely clear", says MAN-leader and council-member Charles Cooper during the half-hour question time prior to the meeting.

Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (Political Structure, PAR) explained that based on the self-governing right, Curaçao must handle its own (future) affairs. The opposition did not agree with this explanation and requested a 'second opinion'. The Board of Governors adopted the proposal and Boersema was approached to give his opinion on the matter as soon as possible.

In his answer, Boersema indicated there are no rules as to how one must precisely set up a new country. "It is rather based on administrative agreements", Boersema states in his advice.

If the country Curaçao is to become effective, then article 60a of the Statute must be amended. However, a thing or two must be prepared before this can be realized, says Boersema.

In this framework, the constitutional professor further explains it was agreed that the island-territory Curaçao would make arrangements for amongst others the Constitution. This is based on the self-governing right of the peoples, as laid down by the United Nations.

If the island-territory does not make arrangements starting now, then one can only adopt a Constitution quickly, after the Statute is amended - otherwise there would be an impasse and an Order in National Council would have to be promulgated until everything is arranged for the new country.

After the Island Council has approved the Constitution, the latter must be presented to the National Council of Ministers for approval. However, promulgation of the law that regulates the Constitution, will not take place yet. That only happens after the Lower Chamber has approved the Statute-amendment, according to Boersema.

The meeting was continued after Jesus-Leito had read aloud Boersema's advice.

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Curacao awaits early elections

PHILIPSBURG - The Island of Curacao in the early Saturday morning (local time) is not the required two thirds majority voted for an amendment to the Constitution for the island. Therefore, the Board should be dissolved and new elections within two months will be issued on the island.

The new board is a simple majority sufficient to adopt the Constitution. Adopting this system, the corridors of the new Constitution of Curacao, is necessary for the proposed major constitutional change.

Curacao is October 10, 2010 by an autonomous country within the Kingdom are similar to the status of Aruba since 1986. These requirements will be negotiated with the Netherlands since 2005.

St. Martin also seek such status. Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba to 10/10/2010 at a special municipality of the Netherlands. (Reuters) (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Last Antilles and Aruba Ministers

06/18/2010 8:41 | Pammy Makkinje



Curaçao - Since 10.10.2010 in sight, the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba were their last Thursday Ministerial Cooperation Council (MSR). During that meeting at the Hyatt Hotel made the Aruban Prime Minister Mike Eman announced that the airport tax is reduced from Aruba to Curacao.

According to Eman is a working group that will realize the short term. It should also be easier for people from Curacao to be authorized to work in Aruba to be allowed, as is the case for reverse Arubans Curacao.

Good relations

There was talk of closing the relationship between the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba and the new relationships after the dismantling of the Antilles. Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage stressed during the MSR that, even if chosen for the dismantling of the Antilles, it is the wish of the people that the good relations between the islands and within the kingdom remain. There is also agreed that considers how the cooperation between the Caribbean partners in the kingdom can be further strengthened.

Agreed

During the MSR, there are other agreements. A request was made for an office of the European Community to place in Aruba. The West Indies have announced that they will support this plan. The work will continue to cooperate with the Capriles Clinic and Mgr. Verriet Insitituut. In a committee examined further how a reduction in airport tax between the islands of Curacao, Aruba, St. Maarten and BES islands may realize. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Radio Nederlands

Curacao Island treats Constitution

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On Curaçao Friday (June 18) the Constitution dealt with by the Island Council. The arrangements for the new country Curacao must get a majority tweederderde, but there is not. Yet the treatment is important for political reform.

There is among others discussed how to deal with convicted or suspected members of the States or ministers. The opposition believes that a settlement in the Constitution should be, as St. Martin does. Zita Jesus-Leito commissioner disagree. It is an ordinance is sufficient. The immediate suspension of voting at a suspect is also not sustainable, she says.

International treaties

The Executive Board has received comments from the Board and the Government Ministers on the draft Constitution included. It was clear that all schemes within the framework of international treaties should be. The vote is an important point: "You need careful handling." According to Jesus-Leito is the scheme St Martin wants to include in the Constitution rejected.

The opposition will probably vote against the Constitution. The College Board has tried to gain sufficient support by making changes, but that did not work, recognizes the commissioner. This means that new elections as a way of Constitution to be taken. "Then the new Island Council agrees by a simple majority on the Constitution."

Elections

When the elections are not clear. Haste is offered to the target date 10.10.2010 to be met. "The goal is the end of August." Before the time limits for such nomination by the Supreme adapted. That is hardly a reason for the treatment of the Constitution not to wait for the vote on consensus federal laws in the Senate on July 6. "It appears that the Senate agrees." (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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Draft-Constitution ready for public discussion

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WILLEMSTAD — The draft Constitution for the Country Curaçao is ready for discussion in a public meeting of the Island Council on Friday. However, it appears the draft will not obtain a two-third majority from the council. The process to subsequently dissolve the Island Council and call for new elections could be started then.

The newly chosen Island Council could then adopt the Constitution with a normal majority. There are several bottlenecks, which the opposition and coalition parties could not agree on during the Central Committee-meeting last Monday afternoon.

One of the tricky matters regards the discussion on the suspension of a parliamentarian and cancellation of the membership of a parliamentarian. The Board of Governors (BC) cannot comply with the opposition's wish to suspend a parliamentarian as soon as this person has become a suspect in a running investigation. However, the BC made a proposal to regulate by national regulation that a membership is cancelled when a parliamentarian is convicted for an offence with a prison term and the verdict has become irrevocable.

The opposition also had certain demands regarding the reference to the consensus National Laws in the Constitution; they namely wanted those references to be deleted completely. It regards the consensus National Laws that regulate the Public Prosecutor and the Communal Court.

The BC's proposal is to keep referring to the consensus National Laws but to add that when these laws are no longer effective, reference is made to the National regulation in which these matters are regulated. However, the opposition cannot agree with this. It was agreed with the Netherlands that all consensus National Laws would be evaluated after five years with the possibility to adjust or entirely withdraw these.

Nevertheless, the BC has adopted the proposals from institution NAAM with regard to the historic inheritance of Curaçao. These will now be included in the Constitution. Furthermore, the Constitution is adjusted on the issue of appointing the members of the General Auditor's Office. They no longer will be appointed for life, but for a five-year period with the possibility to prolong this one time.

The demand from Forsa Kòrsou member Gregory Damoen to include in the Constitution that the government may not violate budget standards, was not adopted. The BC's viewpoint is that, as there already are so many other laws regulating the government has to comply with amongst others the interest burden standards when it wants to borrowing money on the capital market, a notification of such in the Constitution is redundant.

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Curacao still to ratify constitution

By St Maarten Island Time

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PHILIPSBURG - There is still no concrete agreement on the constitution of the Island Territory of Curacao despite an Island Council meeting recently to address the issue.

The matter is expected to be debated in the Island Council again this week.

Reports out of Curacao are that it has been a tenuous task to get the two thirds majority in the Island Council to approve the Curacao constitution.

If the Council fails to get the two thirds majority, then the Governor will have to dissolve the Island Council and call fresh elections.

A new Island Council would thus need to ratify the constitution with just a simple majority. However, the sentiment in Curacao is that everyone was hoping that the coalition could have worked together to approve the constitution.

A campaign was launched in Curacao recently for those who voted no in the referendum against the constitutional developments, should also oppose the new Curacao Constitution.

This is credited to have affected the chance for approving the constitution. Some people in Curacao disagree with this as both cases are totally different, even though the new constitution is similar to that the current Netherlands Antilles constitution.

Meanwhile, the opposition has not objected to the proposal to appoint Frits Goedgedrag as the Governor of Curacao. Mr. Goedgedrag was born in Bonaire, raised in Aruba and has no professional ties with Curacao.

He was appointed Governor of the Netherlands Antilles after he served as Lt. Governor of Bonaire. It is a wait and see situation to see if there will be any opposition to his appointment seeing that he is not from Curacao.

It is expected that the other islands, namely St. Maarten and Aruba will appoint someone from St. Maarten to the governor position and not someone from elsewhere.

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DP: Establish 'yu'i Kòrsou' in Constitution

12 Jun, 2010, 08:19 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — The Democratic Party (DP) wants to have those that are 'yu'i Kòrsou' (citizens of Curaçao) established in the Constitution. "When can someone claim he/she is a Curaçao citizen (yu'i Kòrsou)? The definition of a Curaçao citizen is not given in the Constitution, while one has been discussing such for centuries", say party-leader Norberto Ribeiro in a working paper.

To orientate, Ribeiro indicates that with regard to the Dutch citizenship in the Dutch Constitution in article 2, one refers to (the regulation thereof) article 3 of the National Law on the Dutch citizenship.

"Could we unthinkingly apply the formulation from this article, or do we uphold the current common law, whereby a child – born on Curaçao from Dutch parents – is considered to be a yu'i Kòrsou and always has the right to establish oneself (again) on Curaçao without a permit? In any case, the DP supports such a constitutionalization."

Secondly, the DP wonders how long someone should have Curaçao as main place of residence, before he/she is considered a yu'i Kòrsou. What's a realistic period? 20 years?" The DP wants that constitutionalized as well. According to the red party, one should also consider the various situations, such as children who are born on Curaçao but whose parent(s) is residing illegally in the country. "This also requires distinct legislation to prevent possible problems regarding deportation."

The discussion of the Constitution was continued on Thursday in the Central Committee of the Island Council. The public discussion is on the agenda for June 18th.

Ribeiro: "The first time this foundered due to comments from the opposition because a provision was lacking with regard to the suspension of a suspect of criminal acts, through which the latter would be excluded from parliamentary participation. In order to guarantee good governance, we must now focus on the future of the Country Curaçao and take an explicit viewpoint in that respect."

The DP calls on all politicians, from coalition as well as opposition, 'to specifically not trifle with such a fundamental document'. The new Constitution, now for the Country Curaçao, ought to indicate the future vision of Curaçao, and be a reproduction of the existing situation and the desired changes. That law must be a reflection of the people's wish and may not degenerate into occasional legislation. It is a vision document and may never create the impression as if it were drawn up during a 'private chat'. The Magne Charta from 1215 could serve as an example, just like the U.S. Constitution in the United States."

The DP also sees the good of revising the document after the commencement of the Country status. "More than ever before, now's the moment to act dynamically and contribute well in advance towards submitting changes and interpretations in the Constitution that will benefit the future of the self-governing country Curaçao. It is also an outstanding opportunity to make the Constitution a modern, innovative document that could serve as example for the increasingly stronger globalizing world. As it appears this will not occur under the current political firmament, one should seriously consider revising this document after the commencement of the new status of Country (within one year at the most)."

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Elections dominate discussions on new constitution

11 Jun, 2010, 13:46 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Coalition and opposition in the Island Council are still flatly opposed regarding the Constitution for the Country Curaçao. Next Monday, the Board of Governors (BC) is to come up with a few proposals, and continue the debate on the call for elections before the status of country is acquired. The tension increased during the discussions in a Central Committee-meeting last Thursday.

When elections should be held is particularly a knotty issue. The BC wants to discuss the Constitution during a public meeting on June 18th. If a two-third majority of the members does not vote for the Constitution, the Island Council will have to be dissolved and new elections called for. However, the Upper Chamber is to discuss the consensus National Laws and the amendment of the Statue on July 6th. Theoretically, the Upper Chamber could vote against the National Laws. In that framework, the opposition particularly wants to know the consequence if Curaçao has already decided to dissolve the Island Council. If the Upper Chamber votes against the National Laws, the date on which Curaçao is to acquire the country status (October 10th 2010) is critically endangered.

In view of the aforementioned, the opposition wants to wait until after July 6th to vote on the Constitution. In addition to the discussions on the procedure to be followed, there were questions on two consensus National Laws included in the Constitution and which regulate the Public Prosecution and the Communal Court of Justice.

The opposition wonders why these laws were included in the Constitution and not simply regulated by National-regulation, as the National Laws are only temporarily. There will be an evaluation on the functionality of the National Laws after five years. The BC is to present a counter-proposal on this.

The suspension of Parliament-member due to a conviction is a point of discussion. The question is whether this should be regulated through a National-regulation or in the Constitution. In any case, the advice of the National Council of Ministers was to handle such a regulation meticulously, and to include such in the Constitution if it became applicable. However, the Island Council wants to know why this cannot be regulated through a National-regulation. Another proposal to be presented by the BC regards a proposal from Naam-institution to include certain natural riches of Curaçao in the Constitution. The discussions on all these issues will continue in the Central Committee-meeting next Monday.

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'Knife to throat put'

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Curacao - The Dutch government was itself a "knife to the throat have put" by adhering to the date 10.10.2010. Says the First parliament for the VVD in response to the "Kingdom Act Amendment Regulations," which the Senate July 6 will vote.

The VVD-ers speak of a rattling bill. It is very high that if the VVD Curacao and St. Maarten for their business 10.10.2010 no order are they still the status of autonomous country can get. Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin and State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld now want to know the consequences if the Senate rejects the new Kingdom Act. (Translated from Dutch by Google Translate)

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'Adopt Constitution next week'

10 Jun, 2010, 10:15 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Minister-President Emily de Jongh-Elhage finds that the Antilles may certainly count their blessings in connection with the political reformation. The treatment, which the Caribbean overseas territories of the Netherlands received, was good, according to the Premier, and the Curaçao Island Council would be wise to adopt the Constitution for the Country Curaçao next week Friday.

"While millions of people in other countries lose their job, we are barely affected by the international economical crisis. While not only Greece, but also several other countries are at wits' end regarding their financial deficits, we not only have balanced budgets but even surpluses – thanks to the debt reconstruction by the Netherlands. Social-Economical Initiatives bring projects worth millions to our island along with substantial employment", the Premier stated yesterday during the weekly press conference of the Council of Ministers.

In the opinion of De Jongh-Elhage, the 55-years experience of the self-governing Antilles could be instructive for the new countries Curaçao and St. Maarten. Partly because of what Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (Constitutional Affairs, PAR) had told her, she therefore expects – the Curaçao Island Council will adopt the draft Constitution next week Friday so that one could set course for 10-10-'10 under full sails.

"We have fulfilled our task with the Netherlands. Now we must adopt the Constitution. The Upper Chamber will discuss the (consensus) national laws on July 6th. Everything ran smoothly for us – our affairs were constantly ready just in time, also now the Netherlands are in the middle of the Lower Chamber elections. Just imagine what the status of affairs would have been now, if 'Nò' had won the referendum. We have crossed and burned that bridge; there is no way back. We must now continue to make the most of the paradise in which we live" according to the Minister-President Emily de Jongh-Elhage.

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Curacao – Goedgedrag First Governor-General of Curacao?

Current Antillean Governor-General Frits Goedgedrag will reportedly be nominated to become the first Governor of Curaçao on 10-10-10. (La Prensa) ([US Consulate Weekly News 6/4/10](#))

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Political process to continue even if referendum outcome is 'no'

4 Jun, 2010, 12:09 (GMT -04:00)

KRALENDIJK — Bonaire will become a public body of the Netherlands per 10-10-'10, regardless of the outcome of the referendum. At least that is the intention of government party PDB, says party-leader Robby Beukenboom.

"Nothing can be done about it, because Bonaire and the Netherlands have signed an agreement with task division and the Lower Chamber has already adopted seven BES-laws. It was already a fact that Bonaire would become a public body, as UPB had negotiated such. Now we must make the most of it."

If beforehand the majority of the population of Bonaire vote against the negotiation results with the Netherlands during the referendum on the political future of Bonaire, than at least Bonaire has democratic reliable arguments during the evaluation process later on. "The outcome of the referendum does not allow much space for action", says Beukenboom, who expects that the Netherlands will stop the flow of money again. "With the previous referendum, the presentation of the question had offered two options: integration or association. The latter had been a thorn in the flesh of the Netherlands. However, the current question is totally different, but I must honestly admit that I found the previous presentation of the question a much stronger one."



Robbie Beukenboom

Why now?

Why hold a referendum before October 1st and not for example within one year's time? Beukenboom: "The referendum was to be held last March, but that did not take place for reasons known. We promised a referendum in last year's coalition agreement, so this promise must be kept – and must be held prior to the Island Council elections in March 2011. Moreover, we want unity on the island regarding the political changes. If the outcome is a 'no', then this a clear signal towards the Netherlands to still open re-negotiations with us."

PDB has not determined its position yet on how to vote with the referendum. That also depends on the new Dutch government and the voting behavior in the Lower Chamber on the pending discussion regarding the BES-legislation. "We agreed that the tax on profits would become nil percent. However, people in the Netherlands now suggest making this 15 percent and that also has consequences for the sales tax and property tax percentage. All of these matters are closely connected and must be discussed with us first, before any changes are made", say Beukenboom. His party wants to avoid a repetition of the situation that the Lower Chamber adopts laws, such as the case with abortion, euthanasia and the homo-marriage, without consulting with Bonaire.

The free allowance and the BES-Fund, the admission and deportation policy and the Law Passenger Traffic are also a factor for the Democratic Party in its choice for a yes or no with a referendum. For instance, VVD-member Paul de Krom argued for an admission regulation for the Antilleans and Johan Remkes wants to restrict the intake of deprived youngsters from the Antilles to the Netherlands through a Law Passenger Traffic. "These matters could influence the

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voting behavior with the referendum”, says Beukenboom.

Opposition party UPB signed the referendum-motion last Monday because the party wants clarity. “Our viewpoint is that holding or not holding a referendum should not remain hanging above the heads of the population of Bonaire”, party-leader Ramonsito Booi explains. “It is not acceptable that the referendum is swept under the carpet after the failed attempt to hold such. That is improper and reason to maintain an artificial uncertainty amongst the population and investors (therefore in the economy). There ought to be a stop put to it. PDB thought we wanted to put Anthony Nicolaas on the spot with a referendum-motion, which is why that party, under pressure of Nicolaas, had quickly drawn up and presented a motion itself.” UPB does not see any political strategic reason to vote against that motion. “That would namely be explained by the coalition as ‘being in league with the Netherlands and the Governor to boycott a referendum on Bonaire”, says Booi.

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Bonaire – Island Council: Constitutional Referendum Before Oct. 1

The Bonaire Island Council unanimously approved a motion, submitted by the governing ADB/Nicolaas coalition, for a constitutional referendum before October 1.

Netherlands Antilles Governor Frits Goedgedrag annulled Bonaire’s request to hold a referendum concerning their constitutional future, earlier this year. Goedgedrag ruled that the referendum could inflict disproportionate damage to the interests of the Kingdom partners and conflicts with the International Human Rights Treaty. Also, the referendum contravenes international law by limiting the voting rights of European Dutch nationals.

The referendum question and the determination of who can vote in the referendum have changed since. The restricted voting rights for all Dutch citizens and foreigners residing on the island were eased. The minimum age has been set at 16 (18 for elections). The new referendum question is: “I agree with the negotiation result concerning the future constitutional structure of Bonaire,” to be answered “yes” or “no.”

Various Dutch politicians fear that the referendum could seriously obstruct the current dismantling process.
(Various media) ([US Consulate Weekly News 6/4/10](#))

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Much to do for 10/10/2010

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Curacao - There is much to be done on 10/10/2010. This showed Zita Jesus-Leito and Mike William, deputies of Administration and Political Structure of Finance, namely during a presentation to the Curaçao Business Association (VBC). Below is a listing of upcoming activities.

Jesus-Leito said during the presentation that the elections for the country Curacao under all circumstances take place. If the Island the constitution by a two thirds majority authorized, is strictly speaking not necessary. To ensure that the people its own parliament can choose, there will be elections for 10/10/2010.

Outstanding

There is a whole list of major activities to be completed before that date.

Thus, in June the treatment and adoption of the constitution by the Island of Curacao in the agenda, will be held on July 6 in the first room in The Hague, the adaptation of the Statute and treatment of the consensus federal laws place in July and August, the updating of the Statute by the States of the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba are treated, a general election for the country Curaçao in August and September is done and in September the end of the Round Table Conference 'place.

Ultimately, the flag will be hoisted on 10/10/2010 for country Curaçao.

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Referendum Bonaire devastating for 10/10/2010

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Curacao - Bonaire's decision to October 1 for a referendum on the new status, the date 10/10/2010 is probably impossible. This concludes MP Bas Jan van Bochove in *Antilles Daily*.

The politician said: "If the people of Bonaire says 'no', it seems impossible to eliminate the Netherlands Antilles. You can Bonaire hard hang in the air. "If the inhabitants of Bonaire 'no' votes, they almost automatically choose for independence under the MP" other possibilities are there."

Consequence

A Board majority now finds that Secretary Ank Bijleveld of the Interior and Kingdom Relations immediate investment in Bonaire and the debt to suspend. Bijleveld will first examine the decision of Bonaire.

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Island Council to discuss Constitution

2 Jun, 2010, 09:01 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — During the past weekend, the National Council of Ministers expressed their ‘feelings’ about the draft Constitution for the new country Curaçao. After the Board of Governors has made the necessary adjustments to the regulation so that mentioned council could also approve such, this important law will probably be discussed in a public meeting within two weeks.

“Of course, the discussion in the Central Committee comes first”, Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (Constitutional Affairs, PAR) announces.” Although there’s not much to attend to as this enactment had already been discussed in the Central Committee several times”, she adds. After the Central Committee discussion, the public meeting will be held in which at least a two-third majority must adopt the law in order to move on to the next phase.

“I expect that we will acquire the required two-third majority”, says an optimistic Jesus-Leito. “I have spoken with the various party-leaders and expect that sufficient members will cut the knot during the public meeting so that we could make progress.”

As known, the coalition is counting on eleven votes and they only need three additional votes to come up with a two-third majority – fourteen votes. Afterwards, the enactment will be submitted to the National Council of Ministers again for its approval. The new Constitution will then be published and become effective.

‘Minor comments’

According to Jesus-Leito, the National Council of Ministers had ‘minor comments’ on a number of articles of the draft Constitution. For instance, the council wants the new country Curaçao to guard against violating the human rights of States-members by means of preclusion clauses.

It regards the so-called ‘expired declaration’ for States-members who have irrevocably been given criminally sentences of one year or longer. In the upcoming Constitution, these convicted persons may no longer qualify for office or States position. The National Council of Ministers points out that treaties offer much protection to eligibility and that restrictions of such must be encompassed by the necessary guarantees.

Another aspect regards the cooperation regulation for uniform legislation between the countries Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten. The National Council of Ministers emphasizes that these countries will have one Court of Justice and that no discrepancies are allowed in administration of justice – for example, that a same offence in one country yields a one-year imprisonment, while the other country gives a 50-hour community service and the third country a suspended sentence of six months.

The National Council of Ministers also offered a number of suggestions regarding the contents and presentation of questions of referenda. According to Jesus-Leito, the comments of the National Council of Ministers will be taken into consideration and the final product will go swiftly through the further process towards proclamation.

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NAAM: Include cultural rights in Constitution

22 Mei, 2010, 08:13 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — National Archaeological Anthropological Memory Management (NAAM) urges the Board of Governors (BC) to explicitly include the cultural rights in the Constitution of the future Country Curaçao. The organization states this in a letter to the BC and the Island Council.

In their letter, NAAM once again criticizes the fact that the current draft constitution only mentions two words regarding culture, namely 'cultural formation' in articles 23 and 24. NAAM had already criticized this point in a previous letter to the BC of October 15th last year. In its response, the BC states it interprets these two words as 'accessibility to culture' and 'protection of the cultural inheritance' of the island. Nevertheless, NAAM regrets they were not given the opportunity to explain their critical points to the BC.

In view of the fact that the Island Council must take a decision on the current draft constitution in June, NAAM urges to have the cultural rights explicitly included in this document. "This is necessary in order to avoid a too limited interpretation of culture as formation and not as development. That is along the lines of the international treaty regarding economical-, social- and cultural rights and of new insights on the interest of culture for permanent development as well as the conscious perception of the own identity."

NAAM points out that worldwide, constitutes of many countries include explicit stipulations on cultural rights, the cultural inheritance and the own identity. In this, the organization refers amongst others to countries such as Uruguay, Columbia, Spain, Poland, Senegal and the European Union. According to NAAM's vision, the constitution should include an important role for the formation and development of a country. According to the organization, this is enhanced by including stipulations on culture and inheritance in the Constitution.

In their letter to the BC and the Island Council, NAAM suggests to replace the words 'cultural formation' with 'cultural development by means of permanent education and formation in all phases of the development of a national identity'. The organization also suggests the BC to include a separate chapter in the Constitution, in which the cultural inheritance is presented. The organization itself suggests a text that should read as follows: "The cultural inheritance, both materially and immaterially, will be protected by the government. The latter will advance the development of this inheritance with adequate means." In the explanatory memorandum with the Constitution, one could describe the interpretation of cultural inheritance in detail.

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Island Council wants elections before 10-10-10

18 Mei, 2010, 08:47 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — A majority in the Island Council supports new elections before the commencement of the country status for Curaçao. Both PAR and MAN, but also FK and SP express their preference of the new Country Curaçao starting with a fresh parliament.

However, article III of the draft Constitution forms an obstacle. In part 4 of this article one had namely included that 'the on the point of time of commencement of the Constitution acting Island Council of Curaçao will acquire the capacity of States of Curaçao at that point of time'. This implies that if a two-third majority adopts the Constitution, the current Island Council will become the new States of Curaçao. According to this argumentation, new elections could only be possible if the Constitution is not adopted at all, or not by a two-third majority.

However, an amendment of the Islands-regulation Netherlands Antilles (Erna) that had been adopted at the beginning of this year, makes it possible to hold new elections if the Island Councils of both Curaçao and St. Maarten are prematurely dissolved.

However, MAN-leader Charles Cooper emphasizes that the law only offers the possibility, but that this still does not mean that snap-elections will actually be held. "It is possible that the Constitution will be adopted and that the Island Council remains seated. This council will then become the new States of Curaçao without elections being held, because the Constitution has not changed on this point."

MAN introduces amendment

According to Cooper, the MAN-party will introduce an amendment during the discussion of the Constitution. This amendment departs from an adjustment of article III. "It is important to us that the new Country Curaçao starts with a new parliament. Elections for the new State for Curaçao will have to be held, if a two-third majority adopts the Constitution soon. However, if the Constitution cannot count on a two-third majority, then new elections will have to be held so that the Constitution will still be adopted with a normal majority. According to us, in that case a second election is not necessary."

In the meantime, the PAR has also expressed to be in favor of new elections, so that a newly chosen parliament could start a new self-governing Curaçao. Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) had recently mentioned this during a consultation of the party-leaders in the Island Council.

The FK of Gregory Damoen also supports new elections. He finds this democratically correct. "The last Island Council elections had been held in 2007. If this Council is to stay the full term, this implies they could stay on until July 2011. That is not correct, as this would imply that the elections at the beginning of this year had not amounted to anything. The last time that the nation of Curaçao had chosen its own representation would have been three years ago".

PS-leader Helmin Wiels also supports elections, but finds the entire discussion misplaced. "It's like we're sitting in a brothel and worrying about the music and the illumination setting. One must first step outside the brothel. It does not regard the elections, but the Constitution that is bound to the final declaration. Together they form a model for the oppression of our nation. There is only one solution, namely to step out of this Kingdom."

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Clear list of eligible parties

FOL-leader Anthony Godett states he is open for elections, but finds that quite a few conditions should be met before new elections can be held. For instance, Godett wants the list of eligible parties of the island territory to be cleared. According to the FOL-leader, members of his party had supposedly passed by many addresses that are unoccupied – even though they are registered with Krasshi. “We would also appreciate clarity on the use of voting machines. There are numerous laws that await approval. We also want the Constitution amended so that individual members can no longer leave with the seats of their party. There’s not much time left until 10-10-10, but we will strive to accomplish this yet.”

Wrong discussion

NPA council-member Nelson Pierre is of the opinion that one is currently having the wrong discussion. “Why is everyone talking about elections? It only boils down to being able to hand out caps and T-shirts. Nobody is talking about the Constitution. It’s all the same to me whether elections will be held or not. They will still do whatever they want to.”

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One year after the referendum: 'We are on course'

15 Mei, 2010, 08:56 (GMT -04:00)

WILLEMSTAD — Exactly one year ago, on May 15th 2009, the population of Curaçao had gone to the polls to vote for the political future of the island. On that very exciting referendum evening, 'Yes' had succeeded in narrowly winning with 52 percent from 'No' who had gotten no further than 48 percent.

One of the leading figures from a year ago had been PAR-Chairman Glenn Sulvaran. At that time, he had been a member of the coordination team of the Yes-camp that was widely supported by the coalition parties PAR, FOL and PNP. Now, one year later, Sulvaran concludes that the island is well on course to realize the political status per October 10th 2010 as desired by the population. "The Dutch Lower Chamber has approved the consensus national laws. The Netherlands has taken over more than one billion of our debts. Furthermore, numerous projects in the framework of the Social Economical Initiative (SEI) are currently in progress or on the verge of starting. All of this, with the welfare of the population in mind. This is the reason why we had made a case last year for a Yes with the referendum."

Looking back, Sulvaran concludes he is very pleased that Yes had won the referendum last year. "Just look at what has happened with the No-camp. It has broken up in discord, arguing and difference of opinions. My heart would have missed a beat if they had won last year. What would the status of this country have been then? Therefore, I am pleased that 52 percent of the voters had saved the other 48 percent." MAN-leader Charles Cooper had been one of the leading figures last year in Vota Nò, the cooperation of the parties MAN, NAP and FK, who had made a case for a No. Later on, these parties were to participate with the State-elections at the beginning of January under the denominator Lista di Kambio (LdK). However, in the meantime this combination has gone on the rocks. Cooper does not share Sulvaran's optimism on the political process. "We must conclude that the selling of the island has continued. The coalition will continue, while nearly half of the population clearly indicated it does not agree with this course, but no one wants to listen." According to Cooper, an important lesson is to be learned from the referendum process. "Worldwide important decisions are taken with a two-third majority, except on this island where we continue with the same voting ratio of 11 against 10 in the Island Council. This only leads to more discord. This should not occur in the new Country Curaçao."

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"Long waiting time in government from passing 10/10/2010"

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From 10/10/2010 to delays at the counters Curaçao be drastically reduced. The civilian government can do about that to love. Efforts to establish more citizen-centered, is part of a major reorganization of the administration Curaçao.

Tuesday, May 11 were 35 million guilders on projects agreed with the Netherlands. Hague pay them 15 million, the rest is accounted for by the island.

New Ministry

Citizens should immediately notice the change on 10/10/2010, said deputy for political affairs, Zita Jesus-Leito. In the newly-formed Ministry Board, Planning and Services is a Department of Civil Affairs, at a counter where you will be able to contact the license, passport and other important papers.

To licenses - which are now long waiting times at different locations - there is a counter. Moreover, many more things can be handled via the Internet. The lengthy delays due to incorrect internal procedures in the future thing of the past, suggests Jesus Leito.

Many changes in the Mega B23 doped reorganization are not directly visible to the public. For those 35 million are a total of thirteen projects. The biggest is the creation of the new administrative organization for the country of Curaçao.

Officials

Another project deals with the placement of all staff employed in country Curaçao and current island officers in the new organization. It is also paid to culture that "certainly is needed, said the commissioner. Earlier this year has started a subproject to make business plans for construction of 9 new Ministries of Agriculture Curacao.

Ultimately, a dynamic and effective government organizations pose to the development of the people-centered and quality services to the community, based in a transparent, efficient, functional Board aimed at sustainable development. "

Completion in 2025

The construction of the new administrative organization must be fully completed in 2025. According to the Dutch representative at the Antilles, Rob Vermaas, hitting many of these projects where the core of the constitutional reform is all about: a functioning government at the service of citizens. At the signing ceremony, he said a period of 15 years, however, can be found on the long side.

Jesus-Leito is that with him. Why does she particularly ones that directly affect people, such as long waiting times, as quickly as possible to arrange. From 10/10/2010, the citizen the government so the quality and speed of its service to checkout. To monitor, there are also complaints procedures..

(Translated from Dutch with Google Translate).

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao – New Constitution Vote Scheduled on June 11

The Curacao Island Parliament will vote for the new Curacao Constitution on June 11. Changes to the Constitution require a two-thirds majority support in the legislature. The PAR/PNP/FOL coalition has an 11 of 21-seat majority in the Island Parliament. New elections are mandatory if the current coalition cannot garner enough support. After elections a simple majority suffices to pass the stalled legislation. The coalition fears that if early Island Government elections are needed, the 10-10-10 target will be in serious jeopardy, because the final Kingdom Round Table Conference, prior to dissolving, is scheduled for September 9. ([US Consulate Weekly News 5/8/10](#))

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US Consulate Weekly News

Curacao – Opposition Willing to Support New Constitution

MAN opposition party leader and MP Charles Cooper said the MAN party (5-seats) is willing to support the new constitution if certain changes are made. According to Cooper, coalition and opposition should be able to come to terms on certain points. Island Commissioner Jesus-Leito said that she will listen to the opposition arguments, but room for adjustments at this late stage is limited.

The Kingdom Council of Ministers will vote for the new Curacao constitution on July 9 or August 20, if the Curacao Island Parliament adopts the constitution on June 11. Depending on the approval date, the Royal Decree should be ready for publication mid-July or August 24 at the latest. Subsequently, a final Round Table Conference (RTC) will be held on September 9. The RTC will verify whether all conditions for the constitutional reforms have been complied with. The whole process should be completed by October 10, 2010 on which date the Netherlands Antilles ceases to exist and the new Kingdom constellation will be inaugurated. ([US Consulate Weekly News 5/8/10](#))

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MAN offers opening in Constitution-impasse

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WILLEMSTAD — The suspension of State-members under criminal investigation should be regulated in a national regulation as well. According to MAN-leader Charles Cooper, the blue party could live with the fact if the suspension as well as the deposing of the membership of a convicted State-member is not regulated in the Constitution but in a national regulation.

According to Cooper, the stance of his party should be considered as a helping hand towards the Board of Governors. In the draft for the Constitution for the Country Curaçao, which is currently up for discussion, it is constitutionalized that with national regulations, one could set rules for the deposing of the membership from a member of the States. In this, it specifically regards State-members who have been convicted. The MAN is also making out a case for implementing rules for the suspension of State-members under investigation. Cooper emphasizes that his party will not have a problem if both the suspension and the membership termination of a parliamentarian is regulated in a national regulation.

During a consultation with the leaders of the various Island Council parties yesterday, Deputy Zita Jesus-Leito (General Affairs, PAR) promised she would 'go to any extreme' to include the opposition's obstacles in the draft Constitution for the Country Curaçao, which will be discussed in the Island Council within short.

Looking back on the consultation this morning, the Deputy was positive. The most important obstacle that the opposition parties had brought forward regarded the question on how to deal with convicted politicians. The various parties are not on a par regarding this obstacle. Some parties insist this should be included in the Constitution, while others are of the opinion it could be regulated in a national regulation. Therefore, the most important question from those present regarded to which extent the current draft could be amended.

The Deputy had emphasized yesterday that the very long course had already been run, which had resulted in the current draft. She confirmed such this morning as well. "I had pointed out that we had come a long way already in the process, but that I would do my utmost to include their obstacles. I will include their suggestions towards the Board of Governors and take a decision on the matter there."

In a reaction, Cooper states a two-third majority is required to amend or adopt the Constitution. However, the last draft of the Constitution states that a two-third majority is also required to replace the national regulation for deposal of the State-membership. "Therefore, it doesn't matter whether this is regulated in the Constitution or in a national regulation. In both cases, an amendment requires a two-third majority. It all boils down to the fact that this is regulated. That is important to us." According to Cooper, the MAN's proposal should be considered as a helping hand towards the government. "I cannot imagine they would have a problem with this. The coalition had been prepared to discuss this during yesterday's consultation. We offer a helping hand and based on the coalition's reaction, we will determine our final viewpoint."

Committee modernizing Constitution

Besides regulating the suspension of State-members under investigation, the MAN is also making out a case to set-up a committee consisting of several professionals and experts from the society. According to the MAN's proposal, this committee should be entrusted with the improvement and modernization of the Constitution. This committee should also receive the task to adjust the Constitution considering all proposals from the politics and the society, to inventory such and come up with recommendations. If it were up to the MAN, the committee should be given six months for the aforementioned and subsequently

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report to the State of the new Country Curaçao.

Mixed feelings

The present parties looked back on the consultation with mixed feelings this morning. For instance, independent council-member Norbert George confirmed he had his doubts on the entire state of affairs. "If the Board of Governors (BC) is indeed open for changes, then every change will first have to be elaborated by experts. Subsequently, it will have to be discussed in the Central Committee of the Island Council and finally be approved in a public meeting. Let me be modest, I doubt whether all of this is feasible in twenty days' time, and even it were feasible, it remains to be seen whether the National Council of Ministers will discuss these amendments at the last minute."

FK-leader Gregory Damoen is pleased with the proceedings of the consultation. Nevertheless, he emphasizes much will depend on the BC's willingness to accept the necessary amendments. According to Damoen, his party insists that the chapter on convicted politicians is included in the Constitution and he looks forward as to how the BC will deal with his viewpoint.

Only two party-leaders, namely Nelson Pierre (NPA) and Helmin Wiels (PS) had explicitly indicated yesterday that they were opposed to the Constitution.

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Curacao task transfer to start March 15

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WILLEMSTAD--The dismantling of the Country Netherlands Antilles and the realisation of the new Country Curaçao will continue, despite the uncertainty as to whether the constitutional changes will go into effect on October 10, 2010, in light of the fall of the Dutch cabinet.

The first part of the tasks will be transferred from the Central Government to Curaçao (currently still Island Territory) on March 15. Tasks to be transferred include those in the areas of Transport and Communication, Education, Finance, Economic Affairs and Public Health. The available corresponding officials will also be transferred.

The budgetary means for the transferred tasks will be made available as well, so that the new implementation of tasks will not be a burden on Curaçao's budget.

For the time being, it remains uncertain whether 10-10-10 is feasible for the constitutional change. However, Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs Zita Jesus-Leito (PAR) remains positive that it is possible.

In any case, the Dutch Parliament's Second Chamber should not declare part of the consensus Kingdom Laws controversial. The problem is, if the relevant Kingdom Charter that makes the laws official cannot be handled, the Island Council cannot approve the draft Constitution of Curaçao.

"Even if it would take a while before we acquired the new status, there would be no problem with regard to the functioning of Curaçao. It will not become chaotic. We can continue to implement all tasks and serve the population," Jesus-Leito explained.

She was commenting on the question whether any delay would endanger the functioning of Curaçao. However, she does not consider it an obstacle if, in that case, the commissioners will have to manage additional job responsibilities for a longer period.

The officials involved will be informed on March 10 about what to expect, their position and with whom they will be working. The tasks will be transferred to the Island Territory, but the department will operate in the same manner as was previously the case. For example, tasks that are currently under Antillean Minister of Education's Omayra Leeflang's (PAR), jurisdiction will end up with Education Commissioner Marilyn Alcalá-Wallé (PAR). The same procedure will apply to the officials.

The expectation is that the joining of the Central Government and the Island Territory may cause some friction in the beginning. For example, there can only be one supervisor per department. In principle, all officials of the Central Government already working in Curaçao will be transferred to the Island Territory and to the new country at a later time. Only a few officials, who have been deployed in Willemstad from another island, may decide whether they will remain in the country or return to their island.

According to the commissioner, this should not be a problem, as the matter only pertains to a few persons. A central administrative centre has been set up to coordinate the transfer, which will be managed by Head of Personnel of the Island Territory Rignald Mambre.