



Parliament of Sint Maarten

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Meeting Week Public Holidays Recess

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

March 3 - 7, 2025

Monday, March 3, 2025 – CCAD 02 – 14:00 hrs.

The agenda points are:

1. Discussion on the proposal for action following the Kingdom Charter Expert Panel Discussion (IS/842/2022-2023 dated June 8, 2023)

This agenda point was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams.

2. Appeal to Parliament for a Consultative Referendum on Independence for Sint Maarten (IS/457/2024-2025 dated January 13, 2025)

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – CVSA 03 – 10:30 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Discussion on citizen draft initiative national ordinance to amend the National Ordinance limiting tobacco use of March 15, 2013 (IS/1004/2023-2024 dated August 14, 2024)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – Cont. CLU 03 – 11:00 hrs.

The agenda point is:

Discussion with the Minister of Finance on the report from the General Audit Chamber "Audit into the process of Ex Officio Tax Assessments" (IS/728/2022-2023) (IS/1077/2022-2023 dated September 6, 2023)

This meeting was requested by MP S.A. Wescot-Williams.

The Minister of Finance will be present.

MEETING WEEK RECAP

February 17 - 21, 2025

OV 07 - Monday, February 17, 2025

Public meeting of Parliament regarding the draft National Ordinance containing rules on higher education, and the second voting on a draft motion submitted by Member A.M.R. Irion regarding a referendum on independence for Sint Maarten. Agenda point 3 regarding the Draft National Ordinance containing rules on higher education, was postponed upon request of the Minister.

Status: Meeting adjourned.

CVROMI 03 - Tuesday, February 18, 2025

The Committee of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment & Infrastructure of Parliament met with Representatives of the Nature Foundation for a presentation by the Nature Foundation on a draft Ordinance to be submitted to Government to formalize the protections of Marine areas and Species.

Status: Meeting closed.

OV 10 - Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Public meeting of Parliament for deliberations with the Minister of Public Housing, Spatial Planning Environment and Infrastructure (VROMI) regarding the status of the draft policy on land issuance.

Status: Meeting closed.

MEETING WEEK RECAP

(Preparation Week)

February 24 - 28, 2025

CF 05 - Monday, February 24, 2025

The Committee of Finance of Parliament met with representatives of the Central Bank of Curaçao & Sint Maarten for a presentation by the CBCS regarding the Caribbean Guilder.

Status: Meeting closed.

CC 13 - Monday, February 24, 2025

Central Committee meeting of Parliament regarding the approval of delegations of Parliament to travel and participate in Parlantino meetings in March 2025 & IPKO and Tripartite meetings in June 2025

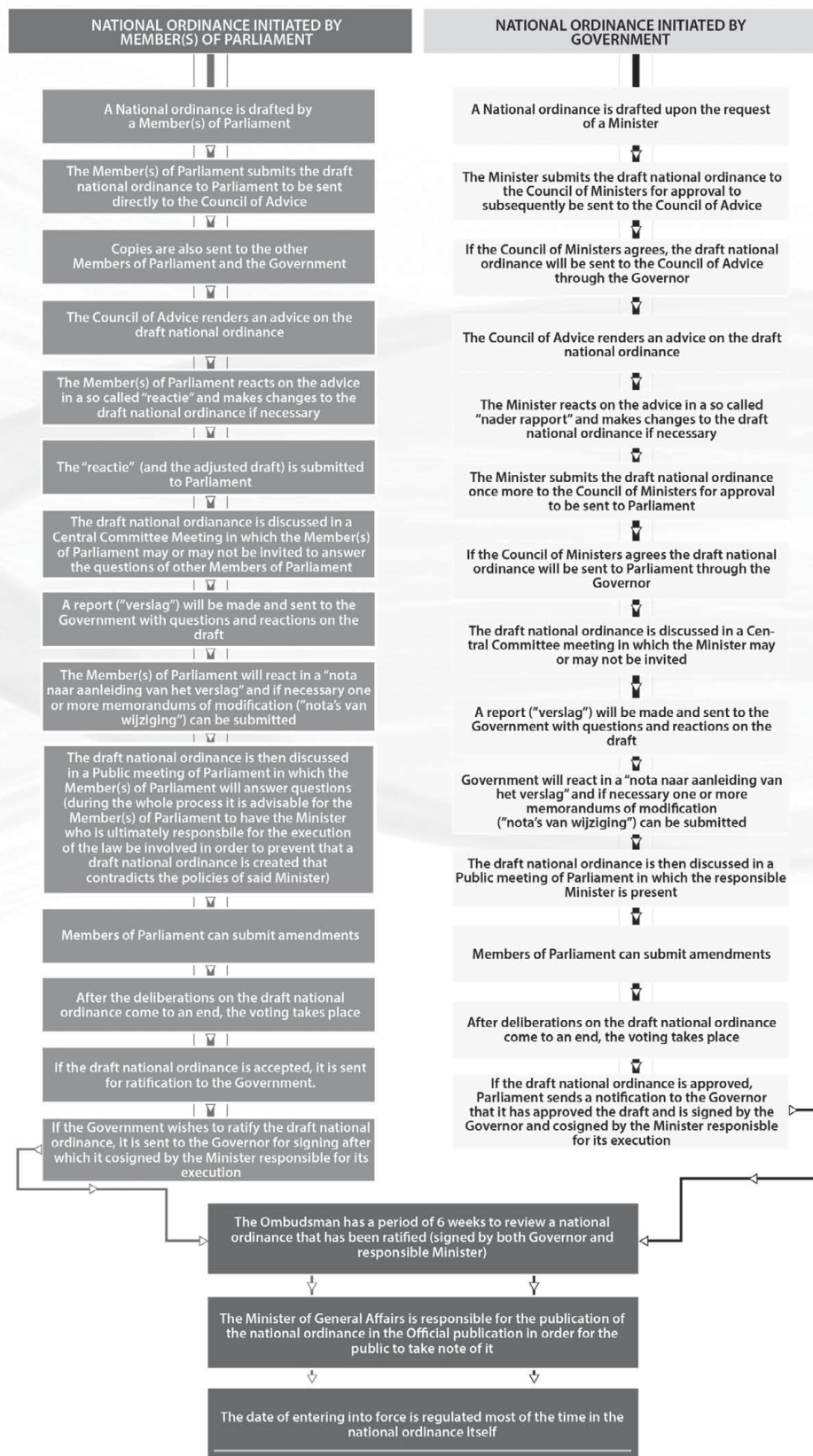
Status: Meeting closed.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Parliament plays a crucial role as co-legislator. According to article 82 of the Constitution, national ordinances shall be enacted jointly by the Government and Parliament. National ordinances contain general binding regulations which in certain cases have far reaching consequences for the citizens of the country, for example the raising of taxes and criminalizing certain behavior.

These types of decisions cannot be taken lightly and require a lot of preparation before these decisions are laid down in a national ordinance. The procedure to establish a national ordinance can be found in Chapter 6 of the Constitution and is briefly described below:

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



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