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**LETTER OF INTEREST**

Dr. Louis Jeffrey  
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Dear Dr. Jeffrey,

Considering that:

- the General Meeting held on September 4th 2015 by the Observatoire Sint Maarten Saint-Martin, an association legally registered under the French law of 1901, during which the Agence Régionale de Santé Saint Martin, Guadeloupe St. Barthelemy (ARS) officially validated its membership to association and to the board of said association;
- the General Meeting held on September 4th 2015 by the Observatoire Sint Maarten Saint-Martin during which the Ministry of Public Health, Social Development and Labor, and the Ministry of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Traffic and Telecommunication officially validated their membership to the association and to the board of said association;
- that according to its articles of incorporation the general purpose of the Observatoire Sint Maarten Saint Maarten is to promote cooperation in any form, in any region or country and that in order to achieve this purpose, it will establish networks gathering all stakeholders and professionals involved in social and solidarity economy and health in Saint – Martin and Sint Maarten;
- that the 2015 HHISXM Health study conducted by the “Observatoire de la Sante”, the first cooperation project between Saint-Martin and Sint Maarten co-financed by the Collectivité of Saint Martin, the Government of Sint Maarten and the EU under the Interreg IV program;
- that the Centre Hospitalier Louis Constant Fleming (CHLCF) drafted a proposal for a cooperation project which it will – after having obtained approval by ARS – submit for financing under the 2016-2020 Interreg V program;
- that The Observatoire Sint Marten Saint-Martin submitted a project to ARS to be financed under the Interreg V program, which focuses on cooperation in the field of health between Sit Maarten and Saint Martin, which project will be further detailed this year;
- the intention of the Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labour of Sint Maarten to build a new hospital facility in Sint Maarten in accordance with European standards;
- the meeting held between representatives of the Ministry of Public Health, Social

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Development and Labour on the one hand and of representatives of the Observatoire and LCFH on the other hand on February 3rd, 2016;

- that coordination between Sint Maarten and the French Departments of America with regard to cooperation is deemed vital in – non exhaustive – the following areas:
  - a) blood banking
  - b) occupational medicine
  - c) cross border referral services
  - d) e-referral services
  - e) administrative coordination of services
  - f) telehealth applications
  
  - g) evaluating the needs and determining the required health services to be implemented or improved on each side of the island
  - h) access to EU funding to finance cooperation operations.

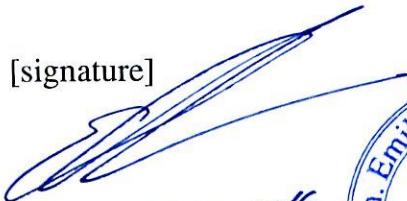
I, the undersigned

**Mr. EMIL LEE**, Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor,

Hereby state that

1. I support the purpose of the Observatoire Sint Maarten – Saint Maarten and
2. Look forward to a continued cooperation under the Observatoire Sint Maarten - Saint Martin under Interreg V.

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*Feb. 9. 2016*

