

June 7, 2023

To the Prime Minister of Aruba  
Her Excellency Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes  
L.G. Smith Boulevard 76  
Oranjestad, ARUBA

**Subject: Clarification “Level Playing Field” report**

Your Excellency,

During the press conference held on June 7, 2023, on the subject of “BBO at the Border”, we took note of your declaration that all employer organizations (“gremios”) supported and signed the report in captioned subject, namely the report titled “Level Playing Field”.

We must clarify that this statement is not correct. The Undersigned supported the “Declaration document” (enclosure 1), but we did not support the final report for varying reasons which were communicated during meetings with the stakeholders, and with the then President of the Aruba Chamber of Commerce.

The report sent to the Government by the Chamber of Commerce, included the signature page of abovementioned “Declaration” by the Chamber, however those signatures were not in support of the content of the “Level Playing Field” report. The signature page of the letter was included in the report, without consent from undersigned.

For the sake of transparency and collaboration, we remain available for further clarification, if so needed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 2

Cc: Director of DIMP, Mrs. Luenne Gomez-Pieters  
Minister of Economic Affairs, Communications, Sustainable Development, Mr. Geoffrey Wever  
Minister of Finance and Culture, Mrs. Xiomara Maduro