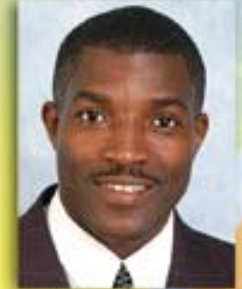




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The New Beginning



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WORKING TOGETHER FOR ST. MAARTEN

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In 2003...

We promised that working together for Sint Maarten, we would usher in a brand new day....**we have delivered**

We said that we would obtain agreement with the rest of the Antilles on the new framework for Sint Maarten as a country within the Kingdom....**we have**

We promised that we would pilot Sint Maarten's departure from the Netherlands Antilles....**we have**

We promised to arrange the timetable for Sint Maarten's departure from the Netherlands Antilles.... **we have**

In 2007...

We stand at the threshold of A NEW BEGINNING...

The National Alliance offers you and all the people of our island state a new beginning that will usher in an era of hope, fairness, opportunity and a better quality of life.

The new beginning calls for investing in and empowerment of you, our people, as our country's primary assets.

To these ends, the Leader of the National Alliance outlines in this Manifesto, 'A New Beginning', the investments we will make in transforming your life and our country into all to which you aspire



ALLIANCE ACTION PLAN

- Our intention is to grant full exemption from income tax on all incomes up to Naf.2000 per month
- GOOD TO GROW will provide funding and training in best practices for small businesses
- A National Alliance Government will introduce a DEPARTMENT OF FACILITATION, charged with the responsibility for ensuring that citizens born in other lands and documented new residents enjoy a hassle-free integration into mainstream Sint Maarten
- A National Alliance Government will establish a DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES, as a matter of priority
- A National Alliance Government will establish a Health Insurance Plan as a critical component of the social safety net
- A National Alliance Government will give high priority to correcting the imbalances in the society and to this end will establish a DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION this year
- There will be no losers with a National Alliance Government, ours is a big tent, where all are welcome



Our Core Mission

The core Mission of the National Alliance is to ensure that the people of Sint Maarten, native born and immigrant, are assured of and enjoy the right to live in a free, open and well ordered country, in which:

- *Our hopes, dreams and aspirations will be realized.*
- *Constitutional human rights and privileges are guaranteed and protected under the law.*
- *The governed and our government respect the law.*
- *We have the right to live, work and go about our daily affairs without fear of discrimination.*
- *We are assured of liberty, equal opportunity and equal justice for all citizens, irrespective of material means, place of origin, gender, ethnicity, religion and political persuasion.*
- *The people's dignity, humanity and self respect are honored.*
- *The people enjoy opportunities for growth, prosperity and individual achievement.*
- *The people's hard work is fairly rewarded.*
- *Our natural resources are resolutely protected.*
- *Our cultural and religious diversity is respected and celebrated.*
- *We protect our children, respect our women, venerate our elderly and protect our vulnerable*
- *Sint Maarteners enjoy easy access to world class education, fulfilling employment, adequate and affordable housing, quality health care, effective police services, compassionate public assistance and people based policies that propel total development.*

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A portrait of William Marlin, a Black man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds.

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THE AGENDA

William Marlin

*Senator, Councilman and
Leader of the National Alliance*

At the beginning of this 21st century, in June, 2000, by overwhelming majority vote, we, the people of Sint Maarten, asserted our aspiration for self-determination by proclaiming our choice for 'Status Apart' from the Netherlands Antilles.

That was a major milestone on the journey that is to culminate in the proclamation of Country Sint Maarten within the Kingdom of the Netherlands on December 15, 2008.

Our journey to that date with destiny, and the framework for our transition to the new beginning, will be of profound relevance to the way Sint Maarten votes in this year's Election.

On Friday April 20, 2007, we, the people of Sint Maarten, will cast our ballots in the Island Council Elections that will be the most crucial in our history.

On that day, the collective will of the electorate shall decide the Government that will be vested with

responsibility for our transition from Island Territory to Country Sint Maarten, next year.

Come April 21, 2007, we put aside our differences and we go forward together to a new beginning; and to a new world.

Come April 21, 2007, Sint Maarten will have reason to exhale.

On the eve of the Island council Elections, Sint Maarten stands at the threshold of an era of virtually unlimited opportunity.

With this vista of opportunity comes considerable challenge.

The immediate challenge for the people of Sint Maarten is the election of a Government that will bring fresh thinking, clear vision and new capacities to the transition from island territory to self governing country; this disqualifies a Government that is shackled to the special interests it has diligently served over the years, to the manifest neglect of Sint Maarten's grassroots.

Country status within the Kingdom will be much more than a matter of formalizing the constitutional instruments that will transform Sint Maarten into a fully self-governing country, with external security and foreign affairs being Kingdom matters.

Sint Maarteners, and particularly young Sint Maarteners, know that business as usual will not deliver the promise of the new beginning to which we all aspire.

In that context, the people of Sint Maarten took a decisive step last year when they elected two National Alliance candidates to the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, against only one candidate from the other parties contesting that Election.

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That result confirmed that it is the collective will of Sint Maarten's sons and daughters - those of us who are native born, as well as our adopted brothers and sisters from other lands - to entrust the preparation for Country Sint Maarten to the National Alliance.

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Your renewed mandate for the National Alliance in this year's Elections will be affirmation of your aspirations for a new beginning for our society.

On the road to Country Sint Maarten, the Government you elect on April 20 will have to deal urgently with the endemic neglect and deprivation that is the legacy of the outgoing administration.

Nowhere is that legacy more onerous than in education.

With close to four thousand children born in Sint Maarten since January 1, 2000, together with unknown numbers of undocumented children from other lands coming to live here in that period, the outgoing Government, led by the Commissioner for Education, has failed to build even one school in this century

The school plant is inadequate and classrooms are ill equipped, overcrowded and understaffed.

Teachers are overworked, underpaid, under-trained and denied benefits extended to other public servants.

Sports and leisure space and facilities are markedly inadequate in our school complexes.

At over forty percent at one major institution last year, the failure rate in final examinations is depressing.

The level of alienation within the school population is frightening.

Confrontations between students and teachers have become commonplace.

A frightening one third of young persons between the ages of twelve to twenty four years are considered youth at risk.

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The state of our education system is a compelling indictment of the entire administration that is about to demit office.

Our elderly and the otherwise vulnerable are also seriously at risk, with a callous administration essentially leaving them to fend for themselves.

The DP Government has also failed the country in sport, succeeding only in building

structures that are little but shells, with inadequate equipment and facilities, and with virtually no coaching programmes to uncover and develop the potential of our promising young athletes.

All of this is the reality in Sint Maarten today, and it provides an instructive index to the performance of the leadership that has been in Government for the last eight years.

The deprivation and neglect are also endemic in other areas.

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The existing sanitation, drainage and sewage standards are unacceptable in Philipsburg, capital city designate of Country Sint Maarten, and a Mecca for tourists from around the globe

Government has no viable programme, and has provided no meaningful funding, for product improvement in this tourism dependent territory.

Despite the predictable flurry of pre-election roadwork, our roads system remains sub-standard, suffocating, stress inducing and inadequate.

The outgoing administration has failed to build any social housing in this century; and has done nothing of consequence to contain increases in house rent.

Now, to add insult to injury, the entire society - except for a favoured few - have all been victims in the Government's notorious Belvedere land scam.

Yet, the leader of the Government has issued no rebuke to her Commissioner with responsibility for Housing for his manifest deception in the Belvedere land hoax that has so outraged Sint Maarteners; further evidence that under the incumbent leadership, the ship of state is adrift without a rudder.

Against this dismal backdrop, Sint Maarten is faced with spiraling rises in the cost of living that the Government has done much to ignite, nothing to curb.

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Sint Maarten has for too long been saddled with a Government that has grown dangerously divisive in our cosmopolitan society.

Government policy and preferences have favoured the few, making the wealthiest wealthier and living conditions for the poor increasingly tougher

The leadership of the outgoing governing party have been the perpetrators of an unrelenting campaign to depict non-native Sint Maarteners as second class citizens in a land in which they have worked hard, to which they have contributed significantly, and in which they have ultimately, and legitimately, achieved the status of bona fide Dutch nationals.

The National Alliance condemns recent remarks coming from the outgoing governing party asserting that citizens who are not native Sint Maarteners

should not be openly involved in the electoral process.

The National Alliance rejects that view.

Our position is that notwithstanding place of origin, a citizen is a citizen.

The National Alliance has been listening to the people of Sint Maarten, all of the people, those who are citizens by birth, as well as those who are citizens by choice and acceptance.

You have welcomed us into neighbourhoods and into your homes; we have engaged you wherever people gather; and we have listened to your voices on the radio talk shows.

You have told us that the Government does not care about the people and that the Government does not listen to you.

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On the road to Country Sint Maarten, the Government you elect on April 20 will have to deal urgently with the endemic neglect and deprivation that is the legacy of the outgoing administration

We understand your concerns, your needs and your aspirations, and we have formulated workable Strategies for placing the people at the centre of all Government planning, programmes and projects, and to improve living standards and the quality of life for all in Sint Maarten

I am fortunate to have a talented, accomplished and committed team of candidates who are dedicated to serving you, not serving themselves, and who are ready to deliver the undertakings we give in our Election Manifesto, "A New Beginning".

We share a vision informed by Sint Maarten's immediate realities and by the opportunities that are ahead.

The National Alliance's immediate agenda is to make education relevant and accessible to all children; give our young

people reason to hope; make social housing a reality and affordable; clear up congested roads, stop reckless building without proper planning and regard for the environment; ease the squeeze on the poor in our society, make our homes, our workplaces, our streets and our public spaces safe.

I thank you for the courtesy and the kindness you have extended to my National Alliance colleagues and to me during this long and spirited election campaign.

I ask you to vote for the National Alliance candidate of your choice on the white list on your ballot paper.

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I urge you to make it happen by making April 20 "Deliverance Day" by voting solidly for the National Alliance.

WILLIAM MARLIN
Senator and Leader of the National Alliance

We pledge to consult with the people on major decisions and to do the right things on behalf of, and in partnership with all of the people in 'One Sint Maarten'

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Transition to Country SXM

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The Government elected on April 20th, will have a dual responsibility.

- *As a transition Government, it must complete the preparations for Sint Maarten to become country on December 15th, 2008.*
- *The different agreements already signed must now be implemented and where necessary further negotiations and agreements must be concluded.*
- *The new Government will inherit sweeping powers and responsibilities that never before belonged to the Government of Sint Maarten.*

■ *The new Government will also have to deal with the needs and prime problems of Sint Maarten.*

■ *Critical areas include, but are not limited to education, youth unemployment, crime, housing, health and traffic.*

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY SINT MAARTEN

The Island Council of Sint Maarten elected on April 20th, will still comprise 11 members.

The Government will be made up of five Commissioners, of which at the least 3 must be members of the Island Council.



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The chairman of the Island Council and Executive Council will still be the Lieutenant Governor.

In new Country Sint Maarten there will be a clear separation of powers.

Members of the Parliament of Sint Maarten cannot at the same time be Ministers.

The Chairman of Parliament will be elected from among the Members of Parliament while the Chairman of the Council of Ministers will be the Prime Minister of Country Sint Maarten.

Sint Maarten will also appoint its own Minister Plenipotentiary in The Hague.

Early in its term, a National Alliance Government will engage in public consultation to decide

whether Sint Maarten will have a Parliament of eleven members, as is now the case, or a higher number.



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Country Sint Maarten Transition Task Force

After the election storm, a National Alliance Government will call upon all in our society to contribute to preparing for and to building our country as One Sint Maarten

Immediately upon taking office, a National Alliance Government will establish a **COUNTRY SINT MAARTEN TRANSITION TASK FORCE** with the remit to submit to the Government, recommendations for capacity building; institutional strengthening; physical infrastructure for new agencies and departments of Government, such as the Department of Justice; and public education and participation in the transition process.

The **COUNTRY SINT MARTIN TRANSITION TASK FORCE**

will be made up of persons with relevant constitutional, managerial and public affairs expertise, and will be drawn from the wide society, beyond political lines.

The **Transition Task Force** will have the responsibility of establishing a skills data bank in order to identify potential candidates for of Minister and other high offices of state.

In order to gain experience and insight, nominees so identified will be invited to work with the Transition Task Force in the transition phase.



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Paradigm Shift

We will of necessity go through a profound paradigm shift in the transition to country Sint Maarten.

The approach to socio-economic matters will from now on be from the perspective of a country and no longer that of an island territory within a country.

Country status brings with it greater authority to deal with matters within the community and greater responsibility.

To facilitate administration a National Alliance will distinguish such matters as follows:

DOOR TO THE REGION AND THE WORLD

In cooperation with the Kingdom, Sint Maarten can now autonomously develop and execute a regional strategy that can be beneficial for our health services, our economy, notably commerce and trade, and facilitate our strategic location as a gateway to the region, combat regional and international crime, and help resolve immigration issues.

We must assume our rightful position in the region and in the wider Caribbean. To protect and strengthen our country, we should participate in all possible regional organisations and institutions.

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I hold the view that there is a place in the new beginning for all in Sint Maarten.

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I want everyone to be a winner under a National Alliance

Government committed to genuine inclusion in a truly participative democracy

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After the election storm, a National Alliance Government will call upon all in our society to contribute to preparing for and to building our country as One Sint Maarten.

A National Alliance Government will be pro Sint Maarten and pro people and will not - as is the case with the current Government - be servants to special moneyed interests.



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Department Of Facilitation

Sint Maarten can look forward to a new day, when, under a National Alliance Government, we will all be our brothers' and sisters' keepers; there will be no second class citizens in our society; a citizen is a citizen; and every child is a child, nurtured and protected from inequality and rejection.

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To ensure that no child is left out or left behind, the Department of Facilitation will provide assistance for persons having to deal with the documentation process.

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Reducing Crime

A National Alliance Government will mobilize all sectors, all groups of the society, including our religious leaders, in programmes to engage young people in activities that will foster positive life choices and productive participation in the society

- Strengthening and upgrading the competence of the police force
- Tackling high crime risk zones with Closed Circuit Television, enhanced lighting, police patrols.
- Protecting economic zones with such measures as security personnel, police patrols, Tourist Wardens, electronic surveillance.
- Institutionalizing Community Policing so that our police officers are integrated into community life as friend, mentor, counselor and coach to young people. Particularly those at risk of dropping through the cracks.
- A National Alliance Government will mobilize all sectors, all groups of the society, including our religious leaders, in programmes to engage young people in activities that will foster positive life choices and productive participation in the society.
- Most importantly, the entire society has to join hands in eradicating gangs, with their incendiary connotations, by going to the root cause of youth alienation and anti-social conduct.



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INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY

Creating possibilities for improved opportunities for our indigenous population can preempt emerging incipient tensions in the society, and this manifesto presents specific measures to deal with these issues.

Perhaps the factor contributing most heavily to the pervasive discontent with the outgoing administration is the fact that it has done little or nothing to level the playing field for small business development, particularly indigenous small businesses.

A majority of Sint Maarteners, native and immigrant, deeply resent the concentration of economic power, and the dispensation of official favour within a small clique surrounding certain government officials.

A National Alliance Government will move immediately to introduce new standards of governance and specific measures that will put an end to the nepotism, cronyism, opportunism, and the studied disregard for the laments of the common man that define the character of the outgoing administration.

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Social Transformation

A National Alliance Government will give high priority to correcting the imbalances in the society and to this end will establish a DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION this year.

Historical and existing social and economic imbalances must be replaced by meaningful equity in our society.

This situation must not continue.

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The essential function of the **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION** will be to lift the poor from poverty, help the weak to be strong and bring hope and dignity to those the society has ignored.

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION** will oversee a range of programmes to uplift the underprivileged.

NATIONAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE

Social Security and quality health care are fundamental concerns of the National Alliance.

A country Sint Maarten Health Insurance Plan will therefore be priority for a National Alliance Government.

This is crucial for the maintenance of the quality of our health services as well as for individual well-being.



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Basic general social insurances for all can now be regulated by the country Sint Maarten, and these institutions can play an important role in funding social projects in our communities.

A National Alliance Government will establish a Health Insurance Plan as a critical component of the social safety net.

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Strong Families

The horrors of the incumbent government's neglect of the vast majority of Family Sint Maarten is its utter indifference to the plight of the individual family in our communities.

In contrast to this, the National Alliance puts families first.

The National Alliance is convinced that strong families in strong communities are the foundation of strong countries and is committed to providing a social safety net to protect vulnerable families in our society.

Department of Family Services

A National Alliance Government will establish a DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES, as a matter of priority.

Anti-social behaviour in our society is often a product of family dysfunction and alienation in our families.

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The horrors of the incumbent government's neglect of the vast majority of 'Family Sint Maarten is its utter indifference to the plight of the individual family in our communities.

Anti-social behaviour in our society is often a product of family dysfunction and alienation in our families.

Child Care and Education

If elected, the National Alliance will establish a system of EARLY CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION CENTRES that will employ trained staff to provide early care, schooling and social skills for infant children of working mothers, any of whom are single parents.



We understand your concerns, your needs and your aspirations, and we have formulated workable Strategies for placing the people at the centre of all Government planning, programmes and projects, and to improve living standards and the quality of life for all in Sint Maarten

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Good To Grow *A Plan to Propel Small Business*

Within its first 120 days in office, a National Alliance will launch **GOOD TO GROW**, a project geared to igniting micro and small business enterprises.

GOOD TO GROW will provide funding and training in best practices for small businesses.

GOOD TO GROW is meant to encourage new entrants to business in an economy that favours the powerful with an inside track to senior Government officials.

GOOD TO GROW will be specific to local business ventures unlikely to attract funding in the financial system.

A National Alliance Government will mandate that 25 percent of all government is reserved for qualified micro and small businesses, and will further mandate that payments due from the Government to such businesses are paid promptly, attracting stipulated penalties when overdue.

A National Alliance Government will also mandate that local sub contractors and suppliers be involved in all investment projects involving the Government or requiring Government approval.

A National Alliance Government will include the involvement of local micro and small businesses

Micro and Small businesses are critical components of large economies and can rapidly be meaningful contributors to the Sint Maarten economy under the GOOD TO GROW initiative.





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Through the GOOD TO GROW project, the National Alliance will unleash the enterprise of our

young people, create a new cadre of local entrepreneurs, and create self employment.

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Exemption from Income Tax for Low Income Earners

To ease the economic squeeze on low income earners, a National Alliance Government will initiate the necessary measures to remove the reform of the tax system to bring meaningful relief to low income earners.

Our intention is to grant full exemption from income tax on all incomes up to NAf.2000 per month.

Responsible management
of Government resources

Sint Maarten is a micro state and our prime resources will be knowledge and capital.

Key strategy for development under a National Alliance Government will be development of our human capital through education and training.

This is crucial for the self sufficiency of Sint Maarten in the battle for conquering its own place and role in the region, as well as in the world, that a plan be drawn up to immediately equip the Government apparatus and our human resources with the necessary knowledge and skills.

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Government policies to deal effectively with social matters.

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An Economy On Auto Pilot

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Economic growth is essentially flat and fuelled, essentially, by direct personal taxation with a wide income tax net reaching down to low income earners, who have increasing difficulty making ends meet. Tourism, the key pillar of Sint Maarten's economy, is not supported by coherent or visionary policy planning.

Effective strategies for integrating tourism with local sectors of the economy such as education, training, agriculture fishing and light manufacturing are non existent.

The Government has no viable programme in place for the level of product enhancement that is necessary to enable Sint Maarten to exceed the expectations of our visitors.

The DP is manifestly ill-equipped to manage the new demands of the Country Sint Maarten economy.

We have to rescue the economy from the increasing aimlessness, lack of foresight and guaranteed stagnation of the present Government.

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Propelling The Economy

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Taking Tourism To The Next Level

The Sint Maarten economy is rooted in tourism and given our country's abundant natural assets, there is need for evaluation, enhancement and re-branding of the Sint Maarten tourism product.

Our destination needs to redefine itself to and target niche markets, that will include sports tourism, and sophisticated travelers.

The people best qualified to undertake this exercise are the government's industry partners.

A National Alliance Government will appoint an action group drawn from tourism leaders and ancillary groups to direct the Sint Maarten re-branding programme.

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*Make education relevant and accessible to all
children*

Give our young people reason to hope

*Make new social housing a reality and
affordable*

Clear up congested roads

*Stop reckless building without proper
planning and regard for the environment*

Ease the squeeze on the poor in our society

*Make our homes, our workplaces, our streets
and our public spaces safe*

We can look forward to a day when you
will no longer know that you have crossed
the border between the Dutch side and the
French side of our island by the standard of
the roads.



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