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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Article 42 of the draft Constitution provides that the financial facilities for ministers shall be regulated by national ordinance. This regulation serves the purpose of enabling ministers to fulfil their tasks in the best possible manner.

The Governor, as the Head of Government, must always be informed if ministers travel anywhere in their capacity as ministers, the same applies in the case of Members of Parliament. Article 1(2) provides that the Prime Minister should always do this if such a case arises.

It is fair that ministers should be able to enjoy a travel supplement as a form of compensation for the costs they incur if they need to travel for their work. The regulation also states which procedure should be followed if a journey is made and how the amount of the daily allowance should be assessed. The proposal is based on the Netherlands-Antillean regulation.

As prescribed by law in the Netherlands-Antillean regulation, the Secretary is equated with a minister in that regard; should other civil servants travel with a minister, they also qualify for the allowance fixed for ministers.

Finally, it is necessary that when making a journey as referred to in this regulation, delegation members should be insured against accidents while travelling.

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