How is a Consensus Kingdom Act adopted?

1. An agreement between two or more countries of the Kingdom on arranging a national affair by means of a Kingdom Act.
(Article 38(2) of the Articles)

2. Preparing the Consensus Kingdom Bill.

3. The Consensus Kingdom Bill is discussed in the National Ministerial Council and requires approval of all countries involved.

4. The Opinion Section of the Council of State of the Kingdom renders an opinion.

5. The national governments respond to the opinion in a detailed report and amend the Consensus Kingdom Bill where necessary.

6. Generally, the bill is discussed in the National Ministerial Council again.

7. Submission of the Consensus Kingdom Bill to and discussion in the House of Representatives and the Governments of the Caribbean Counties involved.

a. Written reports by the House of Representatives and the Governments of the Caribbean Countries involved.
b. National governments answer the questions in the reports in a joint memo.
c. The Consensus Kingdom Bill is discussed during a plenary debate in the House of Representatives. Besides the Members of the House of Representatives, the authorised ministers and deputies of the States may participate in this debate.
d. Possible submission and discussions of amendments.
e. The House of Representatives accepts the proposal for a new law.

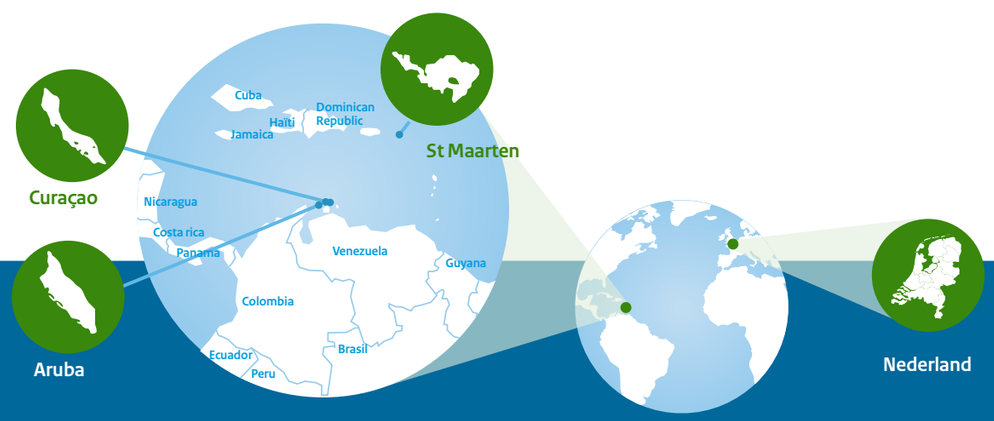
8. Submission of Consensus Kingdom Bill to Senate by House of Representatives.

9. Consensus Kingdom Act bill is discussed in the Senate.

a. Written report by the Senate.
b. National governments answer questions in the report in a Memorandum of Reply.
c. The Consensus Kingdom Bill is discussed during a plenary debate. Besides the Members of the Senate, the authorised ministers and deputies of the States may participate in this debate.
d. The Senate accepts the Consensus Kingdom Bill.

10. The King and the minister or state secretary sign the Consensus Kingdom Bill.

11. The Consensus Kingdom Act takes effect after its publication.



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