



Tweede Kamer

DER STATEN-GENERAAL

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Statement by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ms Anouchka van Miltenburg

I have decided to resign as Speaker of the House of Representatives, effective immediately.

The strong statements by the Oosting Committee, as well as the continuing publicity regarding my position do not do justice to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In her report, the committee states that I should have informed them of the contents of a strictly confidential letter. I have honoured strictly confidential agreements. I am of the opinion that I acted with care and attention. However, I no longer wish to burden the position of Speaker with this matter.

I am honoured and privileged to have been Speaker of the House of Representatives for the past 3 years. I love this parliament, that operates strongly, confidently and effectively; that discusses matters in all openness and transparency and that reflects all opinions in our society.

The past three years have had their ups and downs. Nevertheless, I look back on these special years with pleasure and contentment. Much has been done. There were many fruitful debates, new, innovative ways of cooperation between coalition and opposition partners were found, and important laws were passed. It is a parliament that I am proud of.

I am grateful to my fellow Members of Parliament for giving me the opportunity and trust to be their Speaker. This is an important office, that I no longer wish to burden with a discussion about my own person.

Thank you.