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Sir:

Diezani Allison Madueke, the former Nigerian Petroleum Resources Minister, has become yet another individual arrested in connection with international crimes while in possession of a Dominica diplomatic passport and diplomatic immunity received from you. Before her, there was Francesco Corallo, your Interpol "most wanted" envoy to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome; and NG Lap Seng the accused international racketeer and money launderer. Rudolph King and Timothy Cornwall were jailed for fraud while they served as Labour Party appointed ambassadors of Dominica. The Italian aristocrat Paolo Zampolli is a ranking diplomat at Dominica's United Nations Mission in New York even as he awaits trial on the charge of stealing over 4 million US dollars in brokerage commissions from a real estate firm.

Instead of being accountable with honest disclosures about these outrageous compromises of the public interest, you continue to engage in lies, deception and insults to the intelligence of the people you are sworn to serve. In the process, you are selfishly intensifying your relentless assault on Dominica's international image and its credibility as a trustworthy participant in the war on terrorism, money laundering and other crimes against global civilization.

You claim for example, that Allison Madueke was introduced to you on a "routine stop-over visit" to London in May 2015. But by May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 you had 1) received "recommendations from a number of outstanding individuals of note; and 2) completed "thorough due diligence studies" to facilitate her appointment as Trade and Investment Commissioner for Dominica with diplomatic rank and privileges. These are naked lies concocted to deceive.

During this "routine stop-over visit", you launched Baroness Scotland's campaign for the post of Commonwealth Secretary General at the Millennium Hotel in London on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Six days later, Mrs Madueke's diplomatic passport DP0000445 was issued.

- Who introduced you to the disgraced former Nigerian Government Minister? Was it Baroness Patricia Scotland of Asthal, QC, or was it your own former High Commissioner in London, Francine Baron?
- Who are the "outstanding individuals of note" who recommended Mrs Madueke as a fit and proper person for a diplomatic assignment with the Government of Dominica?
- Who did the "thorough due diligence studies" on Mrs Madueke? What was the cost of the due diligence studies and who paid for them?
- Why was the May 2015 appointment of Mrs Madueke and the alleged October 2015 suspension of relations with her kept secret until news media disclosure that she is the holder of a Dominica diplomatic passport?
- How much did Mrs Madueke pay for the diplomatic passport, who received the money and who delivered it?
- Has the diplomatic passport been revoked? If yes has she been refunded in whole or in part?
- Since the arrangement was for Mrs. Madueke to serve "in an honorary capacity with no direct remuneration from Dominica", what indirect remuneration was she entitled to?

These unanswered questions, 7 months after your unilateral, clandestine engagement of a corruption tainted former Nigerian Government Minister for a diplomatic assignment in Dominica's international affairs, underline your gross disrespect for the fundamentals of good governance. Elsewhere in the civilized world, leaders who similarly position themselves to mercilessly injure the public interest are required to resign.

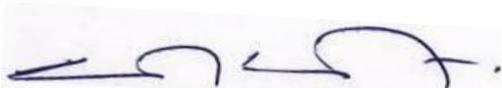
Yet, it is amid these serial violations of the public trust that you have the unmitigated gall to use your majority in Parliament to dismantle through self serving amendments, the very same Integrity in Public Office Act that the courts are currently interpreting in a case that involves your questionable conduct in public life. Could you be any more stridently opposed to the prevention of corruption?

Once again, we advise that our country needs honest, competent, focused, untainted leadership able to secure the confidence of the development cooperation partners that will facilitate the debt forgiveness, soft loan and grant financing needed to successfully complete the 1.3 billion dollar reconstruction funding package. The evidence could not be any clearer that you have rendered yourself incapable of effectively discharging the national leadership responsibility for successful reconstruction at this time.

Once again, we demand that you step aside as Prime Minister pending 1) the completion of investigations into the corruption of the United Nations by the so-called crime syndicate of NG Lap Seng; 2) the resolution of whatever unlawful agreements or exchanges you may have concluded with the Head of the Macau based Sun Kian IP Group and/or any of its subsidiaries; and 3) the completion of investigations into the alleged corrupt conduct of Diezani Allison Madueke and the circumstances of her receipt of a Dominica diplomatic passport allegedly as a tool to evade justice.

We expect that our demand will be accepted in the spirit of love for country in which it is offered and that you will act in accordance with the urgency necessitated by the gravity of a rapidly worsening state of affairs in the governance of Dominica.

Regards,



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