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**PRESS STATEMENT**  
**ISSUED ON TUESDAY, 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

His Excellency Charles A. Savarin, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, had the honour and pleasure of receiving a delegation from the Commonwealth Election Observer Group (COG) and from the Organization of American States (OAS) Election Observer Mission who paid a courtesy call on him on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively, at the Office of the President.

The three-member COG delegation was led by The Right Honourable Amina Mohamed, former Cabinet Secretary for Sports, Heritage and Culture of Kenya and former Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Kenya, and included:

<b>Name/Title</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Nationality</b>
Hon. Liberata Mulamula	Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tanzania	Tanzanian
Ms. Chantal Sciberras	Adviser and Head, Europe, Commonwealth Secretariat	Maltese



*Members of the COG and His Excellency President Charles Savarin*

The four-member OAS delegation was led by The Right Honourable Perry Christie, former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and included:

Name/Title	Designation	Nationality
Ms. Melene Glynn	Deputy Chief of Mission	Trinidadian
Mr. Philip Turner	Advisor	Bahamian
Mr. Barry Mackey	Advisor	Bahamian



*Members of the OAS Election Observer Mission and His Excellency President Savarin*

Both Heads of the Election Observer Groups expounded on their respective mandate and observations whilst on island, and provided His Excellency the President with a summary of the discussions that ensued from meetings held with relevant stakeholders.

Cordial and fruitful exchanges took place between His Excellency the President and the COG and OAS delegates which were centered around the following topics of discussion:

- ✓ The existing electoral system
- ✓ Processes of the provisions of the Constitution and law that govern the electoral system
- ✓ Issuance of Voter ID Card and its purpose and function
- ✓ Sanitization of the Electors' List; and
- ✓ Sir Dennis Byron's Electoral Reform Report/Recommendations

At the end of the exchanges, it was generally agreed that the report/recommendations to be submitted by Sir Dennis Byron on Electoral Reform, will receive the fullest consideration of the Government as well as members of the opposition and other stakeholders, with view to bringing quick closure on this matter.

The Heads of both Election Observers Missions thanked His Excellency the President for the warm reception and for providing them the opportunity to share their experiences, observations and reactions with him.

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