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## **Press Release for Immediate Release**

## The Dominica Nurses Association calls for Apology from Attorney General

The Dominica Nurses Association wishes to place on record its objection to our colleague, Mrs. Annette Sandford being referred to as a "drumstick" in Dominica's Parliament in September 27,2023.

This gross lack of respect to one nurse can be regarded as disrespect to nurses, Kalinago women and all women by extension. It is shameful to stand among so many other female colleagues and speak ill of another female, let alone in the presence of the new President-elect who is also a Kalinago woman. Women are a force to move mountains and this is further manifested by we having created history in electing a female President. Furthermore, at a time when the nursing profession in Dominica is under immense pressure due to high nurse-patient ratios and other factors in the workplace this statement can only serve to undermine the morale of our hard working nurses.

In this regard, we are calling on the Attorney General to extend a public apology to Mrs. Sandford. This is a sad time in our history and we hope it is never repeated by anyone.

The Dominica Nurses Association takes this opportunity to congratulate Nurse Annette Sandford for having been identified as a Presidential nominee. You have made us proud and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

Respectfully Yolanda Rodney JnoBaptiste President Dominica Nurses Association