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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS REAFFIRMS CONSULAR PROTOCOLS AND DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**KINGSTOWN, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, April 17, 2025** — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs has reaffirmed the importance of consular relations and diplomatic protocols during the Diaspora Outreach Programme hosted by Invest SVG on April 05 at Brentford Lock, United Kingdom. Representing the Ministry was Permanent Secretary; Sandy Peters-Phillips, who underscored the legal and diplomatic functions of the High Commission of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the United Kingdom, as outlined in the Diplomatic and Consular Officers Act.

Held under the theme *“Heart is Where the Home Is,”* the Diaspora Outreach Programme was a collaborative initiative led by Invest SVG, in partnership with Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, and the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit (RIDU), and key private sector stakeholders. The event served as a platform to encourage and facilitate diaspora-led investment in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

In her remarks, Permanent Secretary Sandy Peters-Phillips emphasised the government’s commitment to fostering a supportive investment environment. She also highlighted that a key function of the High Commission included the provision of notarial services for investment-related documentation – an initiative designed to streamline business processes, safeguard legal interests, and enhance investor confidence.

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The Vincentian delegation in attendance included Director of Foreign Trade; Okolo John-Patrick, and His Excellency Mr. Allan Alexander; Director of the Regional Integration and Diaspora Unit.

The Ministry reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Invest SVG in driving economic development and strengthening diaspora engagement. The Diaspora Outreach Programme will continue with upcoming events scheduled for Toronto on May 10, Washington D.C, on May 14, and New York City on May 17.

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