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PM FRIDAY HOLDS BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL AND AFREXIMBANK PRESIDENT

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday held bilateral engagements on the margins of the 50th Regular Meeting of the CARICOM Heads of Government in the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The Prime Minister met with Hon. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, to discuss matters of mutual interest and opportunities to strengthen cooperation between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Commonwealth.

He also held discussions with Dr. George Elombi, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Afreximbank, focused on exploring transformative investment opportunities and advancing South–South trade and development cooperation.

Dr. Elombi said “St. Vincent and the Grenadines presents important opportunities for productive growth and long-term transformation, and we had an open and practical discussion about the country’s development priorities, including revitalising agriculture and fisheries, expanding tourism capacity, strengthening the creative and technology sectors, and unlocking the potential of shipping, marine and yachting services. These priorities speak directly to building productive capacity, creating jobs, and strengthening economic resilience”.

The President added that “access to affordable, well-structured capital remains central to delivering these ambitions. African Export Import Bank - Afreximbank stands ready to work with St. Vincent and the Grenadines to turn these priorities into bankable, executable projects”.

These engagements form part of the Prime Minister's wider programme of high-level interactions during the CARICOM meeting, aimed at strengthening partnerships and advancing Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' regional and international relations.

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