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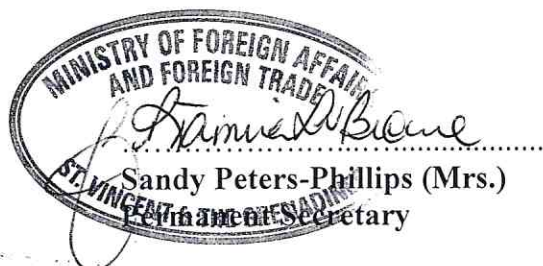
FROM: PS/ Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
TO: Director/Agency for Public Information
DATE: 15th February, 2022
SUBJECT: **CORRECTION TO NEWS BROADCASTED BY SVG TV AND NBC RADIO REGARDING SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

The Ministry wishes to refer to a news broadcast on SVG Television dated Monday 14th February, 2022 regarding this country's relations with the United Arab Emirates. Prime Minister, Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves during his speech at the forum held in Dubai stated that SVG will establish a "Diplomatic Mission" in Dubai. However, the SVG news anchor misinterpreted and stated that SVG will establish Diplomatic Relations with Dubai and appoint a Goodwill Ambassador.

The Ministry wishes to note that Dubai is not a country but an Emirate of the United Arab Emirates. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines formally established Diplomatic Relations with the United Arab Emirates on February 20, 2009.

Through this connection, the Ministry requests your assistance in resolving this erroneous information that is currently being circulated on various platforms including radio and social media. The Ministry hereby requests a correction and apology in tonight's news broadcast on SVG TV as well as to inform the various media platforms that the Prime Minister announced the *establishment of a Diplomatic Mission in Dubai and not the establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Dubai.*

Your immediate action regarding the aforementioned will be greatly appreciated.


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