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Statement by the Honourable E. P. Chet Greene MP, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade, on the passing of His Excellency L. Franklin Francis

I, along with the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, convey our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of His Excellency L. Franklin Francis, Non-Resident Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on his passing today, 6th December, 2021.

Ambassador Francis was appointed on 1st November, 2014 by the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda, arising from his educational background and experience in the fields of History and Economics, in addition to his national and regional work in Pan-Africanism and Reparations advocacy.

His diligent work garnered him international recognition, and in March 2020 he was invited to deliver the keynote address by the Rastafari Council of Ghana at the 5th National RasTafari Conference in Kpando. This invitation was extended as a result of his contributions in promoting liberation and development globally, and in Antigua and Barbuda particularly.

During this celebration, he was also enstooled into the Mpese Royal Family of Ghana as a liaison between Antigua and Barbuda and Ghana and was immensely honored by this accomplishment. Ambassador Francis, dedicated to national development, instantaneously utilized this opportunity to deepen cooperation with African states predominantly in areas of education and culture.

He will be deeply missed as a friend and colleague for the many lives he affected. He will also be remembered and cherished by many sports enthusiasts, players and athletes for his contributions to sports promotion. His work and character have established a sound legacy that will be venerated for years to come.

Once again, please accept our sincerest condolences.

E.P Chet Green MP

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