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CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Letter to Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon
Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office
King Charles Street
London SW1A 2AH

20th November, 2019

Dear Lord Ahmad,

Re: Constitutional Reform

We refer to your letter of 10 November 2019 together with the Draft Cayman Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order 2019 ("the Draft Order").

We refer in particular to your request to seek the broadest possible support for the reforms both within the Legislative Assembly and the wider public. To that end, we are pleased to advise that following discussions with members of the Legislative Assembly, we have agreed on the package of reforms as contained in the Draft Order, subject only to the coming into effect of the provisions in section five relating to the additional Minister being deferred to the start of the next term, that is until after the next general elections.

Indeed, we are of the opinion that, although the changes are not minor, they are nonetheless uncontroversial. In such circumstances and in accordance with your letter, we believe a referendum is neither necessary nor appropriate and instead our agreement to the reforms will eventually be confirmed through a resolution in the Legislative Assembly. This is an approach confirmed as acceptable to the United Kingdom Government in a letter dated 10 June 2009 from the then Parliamentary Under Secretary, Chris Bryant.

In this regard, we undertake to provide you with the relevant Hansard transcript of the resolution by the Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of the debate on the package of reforms. However, we consider that the consensus reached by us in confirming our agreement to the reforms is of such significance as to justify notifying you without further delay.

Hon. Alden McLaughlin, M.B.E., J.P.
Premier

Hon. Arden McLean, J.P.
Leader of the Opposition