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CABINET AGENDA ISSUES - 25 and 29 JANUARY 2018

The House is asked to note the following matters which were considered by the Cabinet at its meetings held on 25 and 29 January 2018:

- 1. Annual Reports;
- 2. Jamaica Tourist Board Public Relations Programme: Safe, Secure and Seamless;
- 3. Report on the Commission to Review Jamaica's Relations within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and CARIFOUM Frameworks; and
- 4. Visit to Jamaica by the Executive Directorate of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, 28-30 March 2017.

Each matter shall be elaborated on in turn.

1. Annual Reports

Cabinet noted the Annual Reports for the:

- (i) Clarendon Alumina Production Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017;
- (ii) Jamaica Bauxite Institute Limited for the Financial Year 2016/2017; and
- (iii) Jamaica Railway Corporation for the Financial Year 2015/2016.

The Reports will be tabled in Parliament.

Jamaica Tourist Board Public Relations Programme: Safe, Secure and Seamless
 Cabinet approved a new public relations programme entitled, "Safe, Secure and Seamless", which was developed by the Jamaica Tourist Board.

The programme has been developed to counter the impact of recently issued negative travel advisories and unfavourable perceptions, consequent on the declaration a State of Public Emergency that included Montego Bay.

3. Report on the Commission to Review Jamaica's Relations within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and CARIFOUM Frameworks

Cabinet considered the Report on the Commission to Review Jamaica's Relations within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and CARIFOUM Frameworks, and noted that the Prime Minister proposed to table in Report in Parliament for debate.

The Commission, which was chaired by former Prime Minister Bruce Golding, was established to review the effectiveness of existing arrangements within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the ACP CARIFORUM Framework.

 Visit to Jamaica by the Executive Directorate of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee, 28-30 March 2017

Cabinet considered a report from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in connection with the outcomes of a visit by the Executive Directorate of the United Nations (UN) Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee to Jamaica from 28 to 30 March 2017.

The report advised that the purpose of the visit was to monitor, promote and facilitate Jamaica's implementation of UN Security Council resolutions and other terrorism-related UN resolutions and instruments, as well as to identify technical needs and good practices.

The report also advised of the discussions on counter-terrorism issues; commendation extended by the Executive Directorate in respect of Jamaica's commitment to establish a national framework for countering terrorism and violent extremism; collaboration between the Executive Directorate and the Government to finalize the comprehensive report; the areas in which Jamaica had achieved significant progress in preparing for, and preventing incidents of terrorism; the Executive Directorate's main recommendations; and specific recommendations on available technical assistance that Jamaica could access.

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.

Andrew Holness, MP Prime Minister

29 March 2018