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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**HIS EXCELLENCY GARETH BYNOE, AMBASSADOR OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE  
GRENADINES TO THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA PRESENTED  
LETTERS OF CREDENCE**

**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, July 27, 2022** – The Ministry takes this opportunity to inform that His Excellency Gareth Bynoe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Caracas, presented his Letter of Credence to His Excellency Nicolás Maduro, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on Monday July 25, 2022, thus completing the process of accreditation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Prior to the presentation ceremony at the Presidential Palace, Ambassador Bynoe presented a styled copy of His Letter of Credence to His Excellency Carlos Faria, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on Monday July 18, 2022.

Ambassador Gareth Bynoe is currently Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' youngest serving Ambassador. He is also the second Vincentian resident Ambassador to be posted to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the third high-ranking diplomat to be accredited to the sister nation, following H.E. Ellsworth John and H.E. Andreas Wickham, the latter completing his tour of duties earlier this year.

Ambassador Bynoe, a diplomat by training, has an extensive background in foreign policy and international affairs spanning more than a decade. He has occupied various positions within the Foreign Service, including Deputy Director of Foreign Policy and Research. Additionally, he served as Counsellor at the Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United States of America, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Alternate Representative to the Organization of America States and Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations during Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' historic tenure on the Security Council.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela officially established diplomatic relations on October 29, 1981 – two years after Saint Vincent and the Grenadines became an independent sovereign nation. Since then, both countries have enjoyed cordial and fruitful relations and have made meaningful strides in deepening their diplomatic relations through a number of cooperation agreements, technical assistance programmes and initiatives, in the spirit of mutual respect, solidarity, development, sovereignty and territorial integrity. Additionally, the excellent relations between the two countries continue to be exhibited through their cooperation at the multilateral levels and unwavering commitment to strengthen organizations such as ALBA, CELAC and the United Nations, as well as movements like the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade extends best wishes to Ambassador Bynoe on his appointment, which will serve to strengthen the relationship and cooperation between Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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His Excellency, Ambassador Gareth Bynoe meeting His Excellency, Nicolás Maduro, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to present his Letters of Credence



His Excellency, Nicolás Maduro, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela accepted Letters of Credence from His Excellency Ambassador Gareth Bynoe.



Ambassador Bynoe greeted with a welcome parade prior to presentation of His Letters of Credence



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