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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) 47<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT**

**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, July 30, 2024** – From July 28th to 30th, 2024, the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) convened in St. George’s, Grenada, for the 47th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government, with Baroness Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth being the meeting’s special guest. The Heads of Governments over the course of these days will discuss key issues including climate change, sustainable development, food and nutrition security, the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), and the effects of Hurricane Beryl on the region.

The Conference will also review progress towards achieving full free movement, developing a strategy for Regional Digital Resilience for 2025-2030 and mark the formal admission of Curaçao as a CARICOM member. At the Opening Ceremony both Sir Clive Lloyd, former West Indies Cricketer and Mr. Roderick Rainford, former Secretary-General of CARICOM received the Order of the Caribbean Community.

On Monday, 29 July 2024 Heads of Government will conduct business sessions at the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort, followed by a customary closing press conference on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is represented by Prime Minister; Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs; Hon. Frederick Stephenson, and Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to CARICOM; His Excellency Allan Alexander.

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