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**THE HANDOVER OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CARIBBEAN DISASTER EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, August 7, 2024 – During the 47th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Chairmanship of the CDEMA - Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency was formally accorded to Dr. the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, the Prime Minister of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Present at the ceremony, on the margins of the meeting, were Hon. Philip Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, who is the immediate past chair of CDEMA and Executive Director of CDEMA; Elizabeth Riley.

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is a regional inter-governmental organisation dedicated to disaster management and response. CDEMA throughout the years, maintained a forward-thinking approach to mitigate the risks and losses linked to natural and technological hazards, as well as the impacts of climate change, thereby fostering regional sustainable development.

The Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will perform the duties of Chairman for one year.

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