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HANDOVER CEREMONY FOR YOUTH SPORTS EQUIPMENT

KINGSTOWN, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES – The Consul General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Dr. Christopher Stange, has successfully facilitated the donation of 312 pieces of youth sports equipment across multiple disciplines, including basketball, football, netball, table tennis, athletics, and cricket. The handover took place on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at the Cruise Ship Terminal, Kingstown.

Valued at £10,200 (EC\$34,888.60), the donation was received by the Consul General, as part of the Government's ongoing commitment to social development, health and well-being, and the advancement of youth sports. This initiative is particularly significant in supporting young athletes in the Grenadines, especially those affected by Hurricane Beryl.

In attendance at the official handover were Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlement, Youth and Sports; Honourable Orando Brewster, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs; Honourable Frederick Stephenson, Deputy Director for Grenadines Affairs; Carlos Williams, along with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs, and the Sports Department.

Dr. Stange expressed his deep appreciation for the generosity of businesses in Northern Ireland and England, emphasising the role of foreign diplomacy in delivering impactful projects for Vincentian youth. "This initiative would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our partners, including Mr. Andy Thorne, CEO of Kestrel Liner Agencies; Mr. Stephen Nelson,

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Managing Director of SFG Forwarding Ltd; Mr. Michael Blake, Director of Clarksons Port Services; and Mrs. Wendy Cullen of Queens' Basketball, along with Net World Sports and Sports Direct."

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines extends its sincere gratitude to the Consulate General in Northern Ireland for this substantial contribution. This donation underscores the Government's steadfast commitment to youth empowerment and the development of sports as a vehicle for positive social engagement.

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