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Premier Discusses UN Engagement with UK Permanent Representative to the UN

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Premier Honourable Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley and newly appointed U.K. Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations met for a bilateral meeting in New York. The Premier who was out of the territory from 2-5 October met with Her Excellency Ambassador Kate Foster at the office of the U.K. Permanent Representation to the U.N. during the U.N. Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) meeting also held during the 81st Session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Discussions included Virgin Islands-U.K. relations, the role of the U.K. Permanent Mission in supporting British Overseas Territories at the U.N. and the engagement with the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonisation (C-24) and U.N. Fourth Committee.

Speaking to the Ambassador, Premier Wheatley also emphasised the importance of U.K. engagement with the Overseas Territories on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), post-2030 sustainable development framework, and climate change.

"It was a pleasure to have an introductory meeting with Her Excellency Ambassador Kate Foster who now leads the U.K. Permanent Mission's engagement with the C-24 and Fourth Committee. I welcomed her reaffirmation of the Mission's support to those British Overseas Territories who request it, and the U.K.'s commitment to the SDGs and arresting the climate crisis. I wish her well in her duties going forward," Premier Wheatley said.

Ambassador Kate Foster replaces former U.K. Deputy Permanent Representative H.E. Ambassador James Kariuki who previously led on decolonisation matters.

Premier Wheatley was supported by Special Envoy Mr. Benito Wheatley.

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