



CONSULATE GENERAL OF GRENADA

May 20, 2021

The Honorable Oliver Joseph
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministerial Complex
St Georges
Grenada

RESIGNATION

Dear Minister Joseph

It is with great sorrow but with absolute conviction of no other options that I write this letter to tender my official resignation as Ambassador at Large and Consul General to Florida on behalf of Grenada.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Grenada these past six years without pay or other compensation, in helping attract several foreign investors to the island as well as major hospitality, leisure and other businesses. From my office in Miami, I have had the privilege of heading one of only three missions to officially represent our island in the United States. Our efforts were paying off in the form of significant new tourism development projects and real estate investment, among other areas.

Grenada and its citizens have become extremely dear to me. As a Grenada citizen myself, I have undertaken my duties with a strong sense of responsibility to help advance economic growth, business opportunity and investment to our island. These efforts have resulted in the creation of several hundred jobs.

Unfortunately, conditions in Grenada have changed drastically in the past few years. The country's leadership, previously having the country's best interests at heart, was welcoming to foreign investment and economic development, but has been transformed into an anti-business regime.

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This is evident by the recent ICSID award of \$65m against the Government of Grenada due to it breaching its agreement with the controlling shareholder of Grenlec.

It is little wonder that in the 2020 survey by the World Bank assessing “ease of doing business” in countries globally, Grenada ranked Number 146th out of 190 nations – the fourth worst performance in the entire Americas region, with only Venezuela, Haiti and Suriname receiving worse status. I have seen this deterioration firsthand. My own business interests are hardly the only ones to be damaged by the regime’s disregard for investor rights. The government has breached agreements with other businesses. Other than the recent fiasco with Grenlec one only needs to look at the government’s attempt to expropriate the Rex Hotel.

I am proud of the spirit with which we began our mission and of the progress we made in getting world-class investors and brands to see the best in Grenada. However, my position as both Ambassador and Consul General has become untenable – I can no longer serve in good conscience as Grenada’s business and diplomatic representative abroad.

I hope you and others will take this action as it is intended – as an appeal to restore reason and the rule of law to the government and bring us back to a place where progress is possible in Grenada. I wish nothing more than a level and rational playing field for those who wish to do business, create jobs and grow the economy in-order to ensure a bright future for the youth of our wonderful country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Newfield'.

Warren Newfield