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## MINUTES OF THE 136<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

#### EX MIN 23/132 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted its position that there is no substantive difference between a Memorandum of Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding, accordingly the two terms may be used interchangeably.

# EX MIN 23/133 EX MEMO 23/103 RE-APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ANGUILLA BOARD MEMBERS

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- noted section 7 of the Health Authority of Anguilla Act. Noted that the board is operating without the full number of members required by legislation. The board must include members with particular expertise including a registered nurse and qualified persons with a finance, accounting or economics background;
- approved the re-appointment of the following individuals to the HAA Board for the specified term of one year effective March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024:
  - a) Mr Vonlee Harris
  - b) Ms Janice Hodge
- noted that in accordance with Executive Council directives these individuals will be required to complete an examination, if they have not already done so.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; HON, PREM

#### EX MIN 23/136 EX MEMO 23/106 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- endorsed the recommendation of the Hon Minister for Home Affairs, for submission of the applications for consideration by H.E. the Governor, as it relates to the grant of the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act, for certain persons;
- further agreed that the applicant must submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the Inland Revenue Department, before the application is submitted to H.E. the Governor for consideration; and
- 3) noted that granting Permanent Residence did not exempt persons from the provisions of the Labour (Relations) Act, nor entitle them to Belonger status until they have been residing in Anguilla for 15 years, or become naturalized British Overseas Territories Citizens in Anguilla. These individuals would become eligible to apply for naturalization after one year of permanent residency.

Action: PS, HA; LAB, COM; CIO; HON, AG; HON, MIN HA

## EX MIN 23/137 EX MEMO 23/107 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99519 B, PARCEL 109 BEING 0.44 OF AN ACRE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99519 B, described as Parcel 109 being 0.44 of an acre located at Savannah Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

	TOTAL	<u>EC\$2</u>	<u>28,562.12</u>
(iii	) refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$134,410.00	<u>EC\$^</u>	<u>13,441.00</u>
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$134,410.00	EC\$	8,400.62
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$134,410.00	EC\$	6,720.50
(a)	payment of the following Stamp Duties:		

- (b) the property must be used for residential purposes;
- (c) the construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The remaining balance of 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further six (6) months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months;
- (d) the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development; and
- (e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time, including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or reenactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

#### EX MIN 23/138 EX MEMO 23/108 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99315 B, PARCEL 316 BEING 0.26 ACRES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcel 316 located at Sea Feathers, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

TOTAL		<u>EC\$18,145.35</u>
(iii)	refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$161,292.00	Waived
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$161,292.00	EC\$10,080.75
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$161,292.00	EC\$ 8,064.60

- b) the property must form part of their residential development which comprises the adjoining property;
- c) Parcel 316 must be amalgamated with Parcel 206 within three(3) months of the issue of the licence;
- d) upon amalgamation, the Licencees shall be issued a revised Aliens Land Holding Licence;
- e) the Applicants are granted an exemption from the Government's Policy restricting Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land and also the requirement to pay the 10% refundable deposit, on the grounds that Parcel 316 is zoned as not suitable for development as per permission provided by the LDCC under application number 22/406;

- f) the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development; and
- g) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time, including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or reenactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

## EX MIN 23/139 EX MEMO 23/109 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST CENTRAL, BLOCK 28211 B, PARCEL 309 BEING 0.35 OF AN ACRE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section West Central, Block 28211 B, described as Parcel 309, subject to:

- (a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:
  - (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$645,168.00 EC\$32,258.40
  - (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$645,168.00 Waiver

## TOTAL

EC\$32,258.40

- (b) Regulations to be issued by the Attorney General's Chambers;
- (c) the Applicant shall be granted an exemption from the Aliens

Land Holding Licence Regulation Act fees and the refundable deposit, on the grounds that Executive Council Minute 03/224 and the policy on exemption from fees payable by Caribbean Nationals approve the said the waiver;

- (d) the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development;
- (e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under;
- (f) any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown;
- (g) that the Government of Anguilla forgo taxes in the amount of EC\$32,258.40; and
- (h) that the Ministry of Finance records the taxes waived in the amount of EC\$32,258.40.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

## EX MIN 23/140 EX MEMO 23/110 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 201 SL B202 BEING 991 SQ. FT. UNIT 204

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium being 991 sq. ft. forming part of Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd., a Condominium development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd., described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 201 SL B202, being Unit No. 204 subject to the following:

a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%	
of EC\$2,993,982.75	EC\$149,699.14

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 3% of EC\$2,993,982.75 <u>EC\$ 89,819.48</u>

#### TOTAL

#### EC\$239,518.62

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Assessed Value (EC\$)	ALHLR Act @ 12.5%	ALHLR Act @ 3%	Value of the concession
West End	17810 B	SL B202	2,993,982.75	\$374,247.84	\$89,819.48	\$284,428.36

- b) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Four Seasons Anguilla Resort;
- c) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 17 September 2010 and further agreed in First, Second, Third and Fourth Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between the Government of Anguilla and SOF-VIII-Hotel II Anguilla Holdings, LLC and in particular Part IV Sections 4, 6 and 7 and Part V Sections IV (a) (b) (c) (in keeping with Use Restrictions and Accommodation Tax for Luxury Real Estate Products);
- d) the Licensee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two years on receiving ownership of the property;
- e) the Licensee may opt to continue the placement of its unit in the rental programme/pool after this initial period;
- f) subsequent re-sale (by the party that purchased its unit or Condominium from the Developer or its Developer Affiliate, and all subsequent re-sales thereafter) of Back Row Villa Units, Bluff Top Villa Units, and Condominiums – ALHL fee 3%, provided the subsequent buyer agrees to place the unit or Condominium into the hotel room rental pool for a minimum of two (2) years after the subsequent buyer purchases the unit

or Condominium; and in the event that the subsequent buyer elects not to place the unit or Condominium into the hotel room rental pool for a minimum of the first two (2) years after the subsequent buyer purchases the unit or Condominium, the ALHL fee shall be 9%;

- g) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time, including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under; and
- h) any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

Council noted that eligibility to the 3% concessionary ALHL rate ceased on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 being in accordance with the Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding and the transaction should therefore attract the current prevailing rate. The proper taxes due and payable should be levied.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

#### EX MIN 23/142 EX MEMO 23/112 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT - REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 18011 B, PARCEL 47 BEING 1.35 ACRES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section West End, Block 18011 B, described as Parcel 47 being 1.35 acres of land located at Long Bay, Anguilla for tourism purposes with a Villa, Guest House and Gym thereon, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:
  - (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$20,564,730.00 EC\$1,028,236.50
- (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$20,564,730.00 EC\$1,028,236.50

## TOTAL

## EC\$2,056,473.00

- (b) the property must be used for Tourism purposes; and
- (c) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time, including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or reenactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

#### EX MIN 23/143 <u>EX MEMO 23/113 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE</u> <u>ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION</u> <u>SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL</u> <u>A/2A 1349 SQ. FT. AND A/2B BEING 901 SQ. FT. A TOTAL OF 2,250</u> <u>SQ. FT.</u>

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 2,250 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a Condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla. The property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL A/2A and A/2B subject to the following:

a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%	
of EC\$5,365,311.18	EC\$268,265.56

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$5,365,311.18 <u>EC\$107,306.22</u>

## TOTAL

EC\$375,571.78

b) that on the grant of the Aliens Land Holding Licence the Government of Anguilla values the concession in the amount of EC\$536,357.68 as described in the table below:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Assessed Value (EC\$)	ALHLR Act @ 12.5%	ALHLR Act @ 2%	Value of the concession
West End	17910 B	277 SL A/2A and A/2B	5,365,311.18	\$670,663.90	\$107,306.22	\$536,357.68

c) that the Attorney General Chambers prepare and issue regulations under Section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act RSA c F27 to remit the applicant from the payment of Stamp Duties under the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulations Act in the amount of EC\$536,357,68 owed to the Government of Anguilla;

- d) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Signature Suites Condominium Association LLC; and
- e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 signed between the Government of Anguilla and PARKSTONE INCORPORATED and, in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies.

## EX MIN 23/144 EX MEMO 23/114 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58715 B, PARCEL 565 SL7 MEASURING 5,392 SQ. FT.

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a villa measuring 5,392 sq. ft. located at Crocus Bay Development described as Registration Section North, Block 58715 B, described as Parcel 565 SL7, subject to the following:

- a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:
  - (i) under the Stamp Act -5%of EC\$2,903,256.00 EC\$145,162.80 (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act -5%of EC\$2,903,256.00 EC\$145,162.80

## TOTAL

#### EC\$290,325.60

- b) the property is to be used for Tourism purposes;
- c) that the Licensee shall enter into rental agreements with Recap AXA Villa Holdings Inc. and comply with the MOU between the Government of Anguilla and Recap AXA Villa Holdings Inc;

- d) the Licensee shall, permit the authorised officers or agents of the Government of Anguilla access to the land to inspect the site and works on site from time to time;
- e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment, Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under; and
- f) any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

#### EX MIN 23/145 EX MEMO 23/115 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 58715 B, PARCEL 565 SL8 MEASURING 5,392 SQ. FT.

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a villa measuring 5,392 sq. ft. located at Crocus Bay Development described as Registration Section North, Block 58715 B, described as Parcel 565 SL 8 LLC, subject to the following:

a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%	
of EC\$2,903,256.00	EC\$145,162.80

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$2,903,256.00 EC\$145,162.80

#### TOTAL

#### EC\$290,325.60

- b) the property is to be used for Tourism purposes;
- c) that the Licensee shall enter into rental agreements with Recap AXA Villa Holdings Inc. and comply with the MOU between the Government of Anguilla and Recap AXA Villa Holdings Inc;
- d) the Licensee shall, permit the authorised officers or agents of the Government of Anguilla access to the land to inspect the site and works on site from time to time;
- e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment, Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under; and
- f) any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

#### EX MIN 23/146 EX MEMO 23/116 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR ONLY THE SERIOUS DRUM ACADEMY

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

 agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to Only The Serious Drum Academy on the importation of items donated to the drum academy to outfit the new premises including dry erase board, ceiling fan, folding table, printer and folding chairs;

- agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act and Goods and Services Tax should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$894.81; and
- instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, PREM

#### EX MIN 23/147 EX MEMO 23/117 APPLICATION TO HOST RAFFLE AND EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC LOTTERIES TAX – ANGUILLA READING TEACHERS

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The Anguilla Reading Teachers are holding a series of 6 raffles to raise funds for a reading and literacy conference. The applicant has reported that they intend to sell 1200 physical tickets at US\$3 each and 600 tickets at USD\$5 each the raffles will take place on May 26, June 16, July 28 and three will be held on August 25.

#### Council:

- noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- noted that the grant of the requested tax exemption may result in tax loss of up to EC\$1,774.21;
- 3) approved the application by the Anguilla Reading Teachers to host raffles in aid of raising funds to attend a literacy conference to be held in January 2024; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry to prepare a Regulation for consideration by the House of Assembly in accordance with section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

#### EX MIN 23/148 EX MEMO 23/ 118 APPLICATION TO HOST RAFFLE AND EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC LOTTERIES TAX – DE YOUNGSTERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The De Youngsters Football Club are holding a raffle to support the clubs endeavours to develop and improve the skills of young girls and women. The applicant has reported that they intend to sell 500 physical tickets at US\$10 each, the raffle will take place at the end of June.

#### Council:

- noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- 2) noted that the grant of the requested tax exemption may result in tax loss of up to EC\$1,344.10;
- approved the application by the De Youngsters Football Club to host a raffle in order to raise funds to offset the operating costs of the organisation; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry to prepare a Regulation for consideration by the House of Assembly in accordance with section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

## EX MIN 23/149 EX MEMO 23/119 APPLICATION TO HOST RAFFLE AND EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC LOTTERIES TAX – ALHCS CLASS OF 2023

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The ALHCS Class of 2023 is raising funds for Prom 2023 which is planned for October 2023 and they wish to hold a raffle as part of

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their fundraising activities. The applicant has reported that they intend to sell 1000 physical tickets at US\$5 each, the raffles will take place on July 29 and September 29.

Council:

- noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Raffle tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- 2) noted that the grant of the requested tax exemption may result in tax loss of up to EC\$1,344.10;
- 3) approved the application by ALHCS Class of 2023 to host raffles in aid of raising funds for Prom 2023; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry to prepare a Regulation for consideration by the House of Assembly in accordance with section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CIR; HON, PREM

## EX MIN 23/151 EX MEMO 23/121 ANGUILLA DAY BOAT RACE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The Anguilla Day Boat Race has been promoted under the name *the Premier's Cup* by the Anguilla Boat Racing Association. This is the name being used to publicise the event.

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment, that in Ex Min 18/271 Executive Council endorsed the proposal that the Anguilla Day Boat Race be renamed the Sir Emile Gumbs Anguilla Day Boat Race in honour of the former Chief Minister, seafarer, boat owner and supporter of the sport, who passed away on May 10, 2018. Based on enquiries it appears that apart from in 2018, the race has simply been called the Anguilla Day Boat Race.

It is proposed that the name of the Anguilla Day Race be officially changed to the Premier's Cup and that the August Monday Boat Race or another suitable race be named the Sir Emile Gumbs Boat Race instead.

Council:

- 1) approved the change of name for the Anguilla Day Boat Race to the Premier's Cup; and
- 2) approved the change of name for the August Monday Boat Race to the Sir Emile Gumbs Boat Race.

Action: PS EDMSIE; HON, MIN SIE

## EX MIN 23/152 OPTION OF EXTENDING UK ACCEPTANCE OF JAMAICA'S ACCESSION TO THE 1980 HAGUE CONVENTION TO OVERSEAS TERRITORIES (OTS)

H.E. the Governor informed Council of the following development.

Jamaica has acceded to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. It is the UK Government's intention to deposit a declaration with the Netherlands MFA that they accept this accession, having assessed that Jamaica are able to fulfil the obligations in the treaty. When depositing their declaration they are also able to include such OTs who would wish the UK Government's acceptance of Jamaica to be extended to them. The Convention would come into force, between the UK, Jamaica and any OT who accepts extension.

As a British Overseas Territory, the UK Government has asked whether Anguilla would like the Hague Convention on child abduction to be extended, to apply between Jamaica and Anguilla, and the process is ongoing.

Action: SCC; HON, AG

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