



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

It was with a sense of deep sorrow that I learned of the passing of the Prime Minister of Dominica, the Honourable Pierre Charles, on 6 January 2004.

Prime Minister Charles rose to the challenge of leadership when he took up the mantle of Head of Government at short notice and in sad circumstances. That his own term in office should end prematurely in similar circumstances is indeed a tragedy and great loss for Dominica and for the entire Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Prime Minister Charles will be especially remembered for his steadfast commitment to the development of Dominica and for his determined efforts to improve the economy of the country in the face of great odds. He earned the confidence of his people, first as a Member of Parliament and then as Prime Minister, through his exemplary work at community and national levels to improve their lives.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) have also lost a staunch supporter of regional integration and co-operation in Prime Minister Charles. His contribution in these regional fora will be sorely missed.

My sincere sympathies are extended to the family of Prime Minister Charles and to the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica in this their time of bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

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