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Mr. Lennox Linton
President
United Workers Party (UWP)
Former Leader of the Opposition
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Dear Mr. Linton:

I greet you respectfully. I am pleased to inform you that I have completed Phase 2 of the review of the elections legislation, systems and processes in the Commonwealth of Dominica. This completes my assignment on the improvement of the electoral process in Dominica.

The submission package presented to the Hon Prime Minister included:

1. The phase 2 report which presents
 - a. The draft House of Assembly (Elections) Bill 2023
 - b. The draft House of Assembly (Election) Regulations 2023
 - c. The draft House of Assembly Election Petition Rules 2023
 - d. The draft Electoral Commission Bill 2023.
2. The resubmission of the Phase 1 report which presented
 - a. The draft Registration of Electors Bill 2023
 - b. The draft Registration of Electors Regulations 2023.

I thank you for the time and interest that you contributed to my deliberations. Your views and those of the organisation that you represented have been fully considered.

Despite the stridency of expression on the areas of disagreement, I noted that there are many areas in which the views of the Government were consistent with other voices, including yours. I hope that the exercise I conducted resolved the impasse which prevented the process of reform from being completed in the past. Moreover, I trust that my work will help to chart the way forward with the support and collaboration of all stakeholders.

Please note that I listened to, and considered the views expressed to me carefully. The contents of my report may vary from some of these views. However, I conducted my exercise independently, impartially and objectively, without fear of favour. Therefore, I trust that even if there are some recommendations to which you cannot subscribe you will appreciate that they were made in good faith and that the overall package should produce the best electoral system for Dominica which could hopefully set standards for other countries in our region to follow.

With all good wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sir Dennis Byron', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Sir Dennis Byron

Copied to: Mr. Duncan Stowe, Chairman of the Electoral Commission