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**United Progressive Party Statement on US Visa Sanctions Against the Commonwealth of Dominica**

**"A National Crisis Born of Government Negligence and Deception"**

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The United Progressive Party views with grave concern the recent proclamation by US President Donald Trump to suspend visa privileges for Dominican nationals, a devastating consequence of the current administration's reckless mismanagement of our Citizenship by Investment Programme.

This unprecedented action by the United States – suspending entry for Dominican nationals as immigrants and restricting B-1, B-2, F, M, and J visas – represents a catastrophic failure of governance that now punishes every single Dominican citizen for the negligence and dishonesty of their government.

**A Programme Built on False Promises**

For years, this government has assured the Dominican people that rigorous due diligence procedures were in place to protect the integrity of our citizenship. These assurances have been exposed as deliberate falsehoods. The United States administration's characterization of the Dominican passport as a security liability confirms what some of our leaders, including the leadership of the United Progressive Party has long warned: the current government prioritized revenue over reputation, profit over prudence, and political expedience over national security.

The government maintained a Citizenship by Investment programme without residency requirements while systematically failing to implement the thorough vetting processes they claimed were protecting our nation's good name. Now, innocent Dominican citizens – students seeking education, families visiting relatives, businesspeople pursuing opportunities, and immigrants building new lives – face the consequences of failures that were never theirs to bear.





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### **Every Dominican Pays the Price**

These sanctions affect:

- **Students** whose educational dreams in American universities are now in jeopardy
- **Families** separated by new barriers to reunion
- **Business professionals** whose livelihoods depend on international mobility
- **Our diaspora** whose connection to their homeland is now complicated by their own government's failures
- **Our international standing** as a respected member of the Caribbean community

This is not merely an inconvenience. This is a national emergency that threatens the future prospects of an entire generation of Dominicans through no fault of their own.

### **A Clear Path Forward**

The United Progressive Party calls for immediate action:

1. **Full transparency** regarding the failures in the CBI programme's due diligence processes
2. **Complete cooperation** with United States authorities to address security concerns
3. **Immediate reform** of citizenship vetting procedures to international standards
4. **Accountability** for those responsible for this national disgrace
5. **A Bipartisan Commission** of Inquiry into the CBI

However, the ultimate remedy lies with the Dominican people. This government has demonstrated through its negligence, its dishonesty, and its failure to safeguard our national interest that it is unfit to govern. Only a new administration, committed to transparency, integrity, and the restoration of our international reputation, can right these wrongs and restore the dignity that every Dominican deserves.

**The United Progressive Party stands ready to rebuild what this government has destroyed – the trust of our international partners, the integrity of our institutions, and the promise of opportunity for every Dominican citizen.**

The time for accountability is overdue. The future of every Dominican depends on it.

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