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Premier Wheatley Attending High Level Meetings in the United Kingdom

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Premier and Minister of Finance the Honourable Dr. Natalio Wheatley is away from the Territory attending high level meetings with Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories Honourable Stephen Doughty and other United Kingdom officials.

Deputy Premier and Minister for the Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Honourable Julian Fraser has been appointed to carry out the duties of Premier for the period 16 May to 22 May in Premier Wheatley’s absence. Premier Wheatley is due back in the Territory on May 22.

Deputy Premier Fraser’s appointment is in accordance with Section 55 (1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 which states, “If the Premier is expected to be absent from the Virgin Islands for more than forty-eight hours, the Governor shall authorise the Deputy Premier to perform the functions of the office of Premier; and the Governor shall revoke this authority on the return to the Virgin Islands of the Premier.”

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains steadfast in its commitment to advancing the Territory through strategic international engagement and regional cooperation.