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The Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom Discuss United Nations Engagement

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Premier and Minister of Finance, Dr. Honourable Natalio D. Wheatley is in the United Kingdom attending a United Nations Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) meeting at the ongoing 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) considers a broad range of issues covering a cluster of five decolonisation-related agenda items, the effects of atomic radiation, questions relating to information, a comprehensive review of the question of peacekeeping operations as well as a review of special political missions.

Meanwhile Premier Wheatley is away from the Territory, Deputy Premier Honourable Julian Fraser has been appointed to act as Premier with effect from October 4th until the return of the Premier to the Virgin Islands on October 7th.

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.

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