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Date: March 18, 2016

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Dear Sir:

## Re: Immigration (Biometric) Regulations, 2015

I am directed by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Freundel Stuart, Q.C., M.P., who is also Minister with responsibility for Immigration, to acknowledge receipt of, and thank you for, your letter on the subject dated March 15, 2016.

I am also to advise that Prime Minister has carefully noted the contents of said letter and is giving the matter all due attention.

In this regard, kindly note that he has already directed that no Citizens of Barbados or non-nationals will be subject to the *Immigration (Biometric) Regulations*, 2015, on April 1, 2016, or any other date, until a thorough re-examination of all the legal issues, including some raised in your letter, is undertaken by the Solicitor General's Chambers and the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

Finally, Prime Minister wishes to thank you for your interest and to advise that all legal procedures previously undertaken in adopting the *Immigration (Biometric) Regulations*, 2015, will be revisited and any irregularities found, corrected.

Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY O. MAYNARD Permanent Secretary (Ag.)

Copied to: Solicitor General, Solicitor General's Chambers

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