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DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY FOR LONG HAUL FLIGHTS BETWEEN JAMAICA AND ETHIOPIA

The facilitation of long haul flights between Jamaica and Ethiopia, through Ethiopian Airlines, was the subject of yesterday's discussion between Hon. Michael Henry, Minister of Transport and Mining, and the Ethiopian Ambassador to Jamaica, North America and Mexico, His Excellency Girma Birru.

In outlining the benefits of long haul flights between Jamaica and Ethiopia, Ambassador Girma Birru stated "Long haul flights between Ethiopia and Jamaica will increase prospects for tourism and trade between the two countries, particularly because Ethiopia views Jamaica as the gateway to the Caribbean"

Ethiopian Airlines is owned by the Ethiopian Government, serving 81 international destinations in Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. It is also one of the fastest growing companies in the airline industry and is among the largest on the African continent. The airline was the recipient of the 2016 African Airline of the Year Award. Long haul flights between Jamaica and Ethiopia would make it easier for Jamaicans and Caribbean nationals to travel throughout the African continent.

The discussion regarding long haul flights is an important step as Ethiopia seeks to further strengthen its cooperation with Jamaica and exchange best practices for the development of tourism in both countries and the region.

His Excellency Girma Birru also met with the Hon. Babsy Grange, Minister of Gender, Culture, Entertainment and Sport, Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, senior officials in the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.

His Excellency Girma Birru departs the island today, after a tour of Half Moon Resort where he is slated to view the tourism offering on the Western side of the island.

The Ethiopia Consulate in Jamaica will continue working to maintain and strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

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