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Former Dominican Prime Minister Rosie Douglas son, Cabral to file lawsuit against Dominica at CCJ over Tommy Lee Affair

Dear Media Members:

As a direct consequence of the illegal arrest, detention and deportation of international recording artiste and skilled Caribbean Community national Leroy Russell (aka Tommy Lee), top Jamaican music industry executive Junior "Heavy D" Fraser and other members of his party on 23/24 February 2014, by the Government of Dominica, the concert organized, promoted and financed by Dominican national Cabral Douglas, in reliance of relevant free movement provisions outlined in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) was cancelled.

"Just because Dominica is one of the smaller countries in CARICOM does not excuse the small mindedness demonstrated by the leadership of that country...if anyone can be accused to practicing evil, its certainly not Tommy Lee but rather the leadership of Dominica as evidenced by the barbaric, vindictive and inhumane treatment of innocent skilled CARICOM nationals contracted to work in Dominica Douglas said..."

The cancellation of the international stage show has given rise various monetary damages claims by Mr. Douglas, in addition to the damages claims made on behalf of the Jamaican claimants which have been channelled through the Jamaican office of the Attorney General for various breaches under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC).

"How can Dominica hypocritically advocate for free movement it its capacity as chair of CARICOM on the one hand, whilst arbitrarily detaining, deporting and humiliating skilled CARICOM nationals contracted to work in Dominica on the other?" Douglas questioned.

"This is an affront to the spirit of regional Integration he added".

As widely reported in the regional press, the Government of Dominica on May 3, 2015 publically announced their desire for an "amicable" negotiated settlement to these claims (see attached).

Subsequent to this announcement, Mr. Douglas' legal team led by Jamaica's Bert Samuels was invited by the office of the Attorney General to submit proof of claims as required by the negotiation process which have been ongoing.

However, after spending significant time preparing, substantiating and submitting these claims, it now appears that the Government of Dominica has unilaterally reneged on their commitment to have the matter settled out of court as indicated in the attached communiqué dated May 18, 2016.

"I think the refusal of the Skerrit administration to honour its Treaty obligations as it pertains to the free movement of skilled community nationals not only poses a grave danger to the economic interests Dominican individuals and corporate entities seeking to contract with skilled CARICOM nationals but it also undermines the credibility of CARICOM itself, and Dominica's position as Chair responsible for the implementation of free movement within its quasi-cabinet." Douglas reasoned.

"I suspect that Roosevelt Skerrit, a man that has already declared to Dominicans locally that no law/no constitution can stop him...is now promoting the same lawlessness within CARICOM. If his objective is to isolate Dominica as a backward police state with no regards for human rights, free movement and free enterprise then he should be man enough withdraw from CARICOM, suspend the constitution and declare martial law in Dominica." he said.

Mr. Douglas has appointed Trinidad based Senior Counsel to lead the litigation phase of this matter.

"As long as the rule of law still exists within CARICOM, I will be seeking special leave to appear before the CCJ to enforce my rights and the rights of CARICOM nationals under relevant provisions of the (RTC) as I remain committed to the principles of regional integration, human rights and free enterprise which are the foundations of economic development in Dominica and the Caribbean region, as intended by the framers of the RTC."

See response by Mr. Douglas to the Government of Dominica attached for further clarification on the matter..."

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Sincerely yours

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Signed

About Cabral Douglas

Mr. Cabral Douglas is the co-owner of Arbeedee Limited which holds title to several important commercial assets in the Commonwealth of Dominica. The portfolio includes the Hampstead Estate site of epic Hollywood motion picture trilogy “Pirates of the Caribbean”, Hanover Estate, as well as several significant commercial real estate holdings in Portsmouth which include the Arbeedee Cinema. The Arbeedee cinema is the oldest multi-purpose entertainment venue in Dominica. It was built by his grandfather the late Robert B. Douglas in 1971, and has traditionally hosted local, regional and international acts like recent Dominica Calypso hall of fame inductee King Miko, the Mighty Sparrow (Trinidadian), Burning Flames (Antiguan), the legendary Jimmy Cliff (Jamaican), and African-American R&B superstar, two time Billboard award winner and Grammy award Nominee “Mario” to name a few. In Addition, Mr. Douglas is a political science graduate from Concordia University in Montreal. He obtained his law degree from City University-The Inns of Court School of Law in London before migrating to Australia and getting admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia. After working in commercial litigation for several years in Sydney, he was subsequently appointed Director and In House Counsel at Sydney Equities, and legal advisor to junior gold miner/explorer Thai Goldfields NL. During his tenure in Australia, Mr. Douglas also served as Editor in Chief for Australasian Legal Business, the leading legal/business publication in the Asia Pacific region before returning to Dominica in a bid to develop some of his commercial property interests outlined above. Mr. Douglas also happens to be the son of former human rights activist and Prime Minister of Dominica, the late Rosie Douglas.