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# CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE PASSING OF LESLIE CAMPBELL, FORMER STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE

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It is with deep sadness that I learnt of the passing of former Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Leslie Campbell , who served in the Ministry from 2020 to 2022.

In my own capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and on behalf of the staff of the Ministry, I extend heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and the many colleagues and partners who worked alongside him in service to our country.

As Minister of State Minister with responsibility for Diaspora Affairs, former Minister Campbell actively supported the Government's efforts in advancing Jamaica's engagement with our Diaspora. He understood the vital role that Jamaicans overseas play in our national development and worked closely with the newly established Global Jamaica Diaspora Council and the Global Jamaica Diaspora Youth Council towards a more strategic Diaspora engagement. Having taken office during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic, Minister Campbell sought to deepen the engagement with the Diaspora through technology, and was instrumental in overseeing the arrangements for the virtual staging of the Diaspora Sustainability Symposium and the Jamaica 60 Diaspora Conference which were held in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

I also recognize his contribution to other areas of the Foreign Ministry's work, including at the regional level through the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), as Sherpa for the UN High-level Panel for Sustainable Ocean Economy and engagement with our bilateral partners.

He will be remembered for his warmth, his attention to maintaining good personal relationships, his generosity, humility, accessibility, and genuine respect for people. He carried out his duties with quiet dignity and a steadfast commitment to service, earning the admiration of those with whom he worked, both locally and internationally.

At this time of grief, we give thanks for his life and service to Jamaica.

**May his soul rest in peace.**