



**CARIBBEAN
REGIONAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY**

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COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA PRIME MINISTER, PIERRE CHARLES, PASSES ON

**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
NEGOTIATING MACHINERY (CRNM)**

It was with deep regret and great sadness that we at the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery learnt of the passing of Hon. Pierre Charles, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, January 6.

The untimely passing of the Prime Minister is a tragic loss not only for Dominicans but also for the rest of the Caricom family of nations. Prime Minister Charles' intrepid service to the Caricom region will be missed, but not forgotten.

We stand united with the people of Dominica in mourning the loss of Prime Minister Charles. His passing is particularly tragic given his young age and that his predecessor, Hon. Rosie Douglas, had passed on so suddenly as well. In what is a trying period for the Dominican economy, we are especially saddened that the Dominican people have to contend with yet another challenge.

On behalf of the Staff of the CRNM and on my own behalf, I wish to extend heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the late Prime Minister's bereaved family, the Government and People of the Commonwealth of Dominica, in their hour of grief.