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PEPSI ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 3 TOURNAMENT

Ministerial Statement

To The House of Assembly

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MR. SPEAKER, I RISE THIS MORNING TO REPORT ON THE **PEPSI ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 3 TOURNAMENT**, WHICH WAS HELD IN BERMUDA FROM APRIL 28 - MAY 4 2013.

THE TOURNAMENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, WITH IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCES BY THE SIX (6) COMPETING TEAMS: BERMUDA, ITALY, NEPAL, OMAN, UGANDA AND THE USA. TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS NEPAL AND RUNNER-UPS UGANDA EMERGED AS THE TWO (2) TEAMS PROGRESSING TO THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS TO BE HELD IN NEW ZEALAND IN 2014.

BERMUDA HAD A STRONG SHOWING IN THE TOURNAMENT, WITH WINS AGAINST OMAN, ITALY AND USA, FINISHING IN FOURTH (4th) PLACE AND EARNING THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN THE ICC WORLD CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION 3.

MR. SPEAKER, BERMUDA CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THIS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT. THE BERMUDA CRICKET BOARD IS TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR INITIATING AND COORDINATING THE ICC WCL DNISION 3

TOURNAMENT IN BERMUDA, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN THE ICC IS LOOKING AT EXPANSION IN THE NORTH AMERICAN REGION.

ICC PRESIDENT ALAN ISAAC AND WEST INDIES CRICKET BOARD PRESIDENT DAVID CAMERON BOTH SPENT TIME ON THE ISLAND OBSERVING THE TOURNAMENT, AS DID WEST INDIES CRICKET HERO BRIAN LARA.

MR. SPEAKER, THIS WAS THE FIRST VISIT TO BERMUDA BY THE ICC PRESIDENT ALAN ISAAC TO SEE FIRSTHAND THE ISLAND'S CRICKETING PRODUCT. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE FACILITIES AND THE QUALITY OF CRICKET IN BERMUDA.

MR. SPEAKER, I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THAT ACTING PREMIER THE HON. MICHAEL DUNKLEY J.P., M.P., WELCOMED THE ICC PRESIDENT ALAN ISAAC DURING A SPECIAL PRESS EVENT AT THE CABINET OFFICE ON MONDAY, MAY 6TH 2013. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WAS LLOYD FRAY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BERMUDA CRICKET BOARD, AMONGST OTHERS.

DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE ACTING PREMIER PRESENTED AN ICC LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD TO LEGENDARY SPORTSMAN GARY FRAY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO CRICKET DEVELOPMENT IN BERMUDA.

MR. SPEAKER, THE ACTING PREMIER ALSO PRESENTED THE BEST SPIRIT OF CRICKET INITIATIVE AWARD TO THE ICC REGIONAL WINNER HISCOX INSURANCE. JEREMY PINCHIN, HISCOX CEO, ACCEPTED THE AWARD FOR HIS COMPANY'S SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPORT OF CRICKET LOCALLY.

IN FACT, 2012 WAS THE FOURTH YEAR THAT BCB HAS JOINED FORCES WITH HISCOX INSURANCE LIMITED TO HOLD A CELEBRITY CRICKET FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE YOUTH CRICKET.

MR. SPEAKER, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN COMMENDING THE BERMUDA CRICKET TEAM FOR ITS FINE PERFORMANCE DURING THE ICC WCL DIVISION 3 TOURNAMENT. AS MORE AND MORE OF OUR YOUTH ARE EXPOSED TO THE BCB'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WE FULLY EXPECT OUR PERFORMANCE ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE TO GO TO EVEN GREATER HEIGHTS IN THE FUTURE.