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## PRESS RELEASE

## Private Sector Commission Categorically Rejects Alliance For Change's False Claims on Meeting Request

**October 11, 2024:** The Private Sector Commission (PSC) wishes to categorically reject the baseless claims made by the Alliance for Change (AFC) during a press conference held today, where the Honorable David Patterson erroneously stated, "the private sector didn't even have the courtesy in acknowledging our request for a meeting."

The PSC would like to set the record straight and clarify the timeline of events. On September 11th, 2024, the General Secretary of the AFC, Mr. Raphael Trotman, wrote to the PSC requesting a meeting to be held on September 25th, 2024. On the same day, September 11th, 2024, the PSC responded promptly via email, informing Mr. Trotman that the requested date coincided with the PSC's already scheduled Illicit Trade Conference and other activities. The PSC also respectfully proposed that an alternative date and time be identified to facilitate the requested meeting.

Regrettably, to date, the PSC has not received any further communication or response from the AFC regarding an alternate date or time for the meeting.

The PSC has always remained committed to meaningful dialogue with all political parties and stakeholders. The Commission continues to engage in open and respectful communication aimed at fostering a collaborative environment for the betterment of the private sector and national development.

We strongly urge political leaders to engage in fair and truthful dialogue, rather than spreading inaccurate information. The PSC remains available to meet with the AFC at a mutually convenient time to discuss any matters of importance.

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