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JOINT PRESS RELEASE: Government of Montserrat Prepares for UK Government Strategy Consultations.

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24th April 2024 - The Government of Montserrat is gearing up for crucial consultations with the UK Government to help shape the UK's renewed strategy for the Overseas Territories (OTs).

The renewal of the strategy is in line with the UK Overseas Territories Joint Declaration which was agreed with Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) at the November 2023 Joint Ministerial Council. The aim is to strengthen the strategic partnership between the OTs and the UK, and to address the unique challenges and opportunities faced by the OTs.

Officials from The Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office are leading consultations and have concluded discussions in other OTs. Simon Tucker, Deputy Head, Overseas Territories Strategy, will facilitate the sessions in Montserrat. Simon will be on island from 28th April – 1st May 2024 to engage in discussions with Government Leaders, Parliamentarians and a cross section of the Public Service and Communities.

The Government of Montserrat is committed to the engagement with the FCDO which will focus on the key thematic areas: Economies, Environment and Climate, Governance, Communities, and Defence and Security. During the discussions, which will help inform the strategy, Montserrat will speak to its priorities for UK Government support and identify potential areas for greater levels of collaboration.

The local consultations are being jointly hosted by Her Excellency The Governor, Mrs Sarah Tucker and Hon. Premier Joseph E Farrell. They are supported by Ms. Lisa Walkden, Head of the Governor's Office and Ms. Tanisha Christopher, Director in the Office of the Deputy Governor.

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