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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION AGREED BY ROUND-ROBIN

The following was approved by Round Robin on **Wednesday 3rd July 2024**: -

EX MIN 24/173 EX MEMO 24/123 Contribution to Grenada and St. Vincent for Hurricane Beryl Relief

Hurricane Beryl struck Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines on July 1st 2024. This catastrophic storm caused widespread damage to the infrastructure, homes, and crucial public services in these areas. Carriacou experienced extensive damage, with the Prime Minister noting that the island was flattened in half an hour. St. Vincent and the Grenadines has reportedly faced similar devastation, with reports that 90% of homes on Union Island were damaged or destroyed and several key infrastructures, such as hospitals and government buildings were affected.

Immediate financial assistance is crucial for the recovery and rebuilding of these islands. The Government of Anguilla recognizes the importance of regional solidarity and in doing so, have historically provided aid to neighbouring countries in times of disaster. Anguilla has been on the receiving end of such displays of solidarity, having received USD50,000 from St. Vincent and the Grenadines after the passage of Hurricane Irma in 2017. It is therefore requested that Executive Council approve a financial contribution of E.C. \$500,000 to be divided equally between Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines for hurricane relief and recovery efforts.

Executive Council:

- 1) Approved E.C. \$250,000 contribution to Grenada
- 2) Approved E.C. \$250,000 contribution to St. Vincent; and
- 3) Approved the total financial aid of E.C. \$500,000 to support hurricane relief efforts.

Action: PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; HON. PREM.
