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### MINISTERIAL CHANGES TAKE EFFECT MONDAY

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA; THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010** – Prime Minister Tillman Thomas on Thursday announced a reallocation ministerial portfolios among members of his Cabinet to become effective on Monday.

The Prime Minister has reiterated that these changes are designed to strengthen the key sectors of the economy, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government operations and properly utilize the strengths of members of his team in Cabinet.

In the new look Cabinet, Hon. Peter David will now be responsible for Tourism, Hon. Karl Hood takes responsibility for the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Environment and International Trade, Hon. Glynis Roberts, will serve as Minister for Labour, Social Security and Ecclesiastical Affairs while Hon. Michael Church, will now serve as Minister of State in the Ministry of Works, Physical Development and Public Utilities.

Mr. Dennoth Modeste, a career diplomat, will shortly be appointed a government Senator and will join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Prime Minister noted that he had agreed to a meeting with one of his Cabinet colleagues affected by the changes for 4.30pm on Thursday, November 18th. He further pointed out that the meeting was cancelled at the request of the member of Cabinet who requested it.

He emphasized that while it is the Prime Minister's prerogative to reshuffle his cabinet at any time without consultation, he had infact consulted on Tuesday morning with all of the affected ministers, prior to announcing the changes.

"Changes to the Cabinet are not a matter of a democratic exercise, it is the right of the Prime Minister to make such changes as he sees necessary, in a reasonable manner, in the interest of the country," the Prime Minister said.

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