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**CONSULATE GENERAL OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (SVG)
OPENS IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

St. Vincent and the Grenadines becomes the first Caribbean nation, first Commonwealth Realm, first developing state and only the fourth country in the world, to establish a full resident diplomatic presence in Northern Ireland by opening a Consulate General in Comber, a town with historical links to the West Indies.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines established diplomatic relations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Independence Day - October 27, 1979 and Ireland on April 30, 2015.



David Sterling – Head of Northern Ireland's Civil Service and Dr Stange – Consul General at Stormont Castle

Sir Louis Straker – SVG's Foreign Minister presenting Consular Commission to Dr Stange at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingstown

Vincentian - Dr Christopher Stange has been appointed Consul General of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland (November 2017) and assumed his duties (May 2018). He joined St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Foreign Service in December 2016 before being posted in Northern Ireland.

Dr Stange said: "The decision of our Ministry of Foreign Affairs is part of a wider commitment to the diplomatic network to further international relations. Northern Ireland has been identified as an emerging market with an increasing Caribbean

community, peace and stability, coinciding with 2018 marking the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.”

“Expansion overseas, especially in emerging economies, is a sign of the importance St. Vincent and the Grenadines places on its diplomatic presence on the ground. This allows us to work more effectively to further trade, cultural, sport and international links between countries.”

David Sterling, Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service said: "We welcome the establishment of this new consulate office here. I congratulate Dr Stange on his appointment as Consul General for St. Vincent and the Grenadines and we look forward to learning more about each other and opportunities for co-operation."

For more information please visit: www.svgconsulate.vc

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Notes to Editor:

The Ministry takes this opportunity to inform the general public that persons interested in contacting the Consulate General can do so at the following:

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The Ministry congratulates Dr. Stange on his appointment and looks forward to promoting the interests of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland.
