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PRESS RELEASE

HER EXCELLENCY ELIZABETH DARIUS-CLARKE PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS)



Washington D.C. - On Monday, March 21, 2022, the new Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the Organization of American States (OAS), Elizabeth Darius-Clarke presented her credentials to the Secretary General of the Organization, H.E. Luis Almagro in the Gallery of Heroes.

Reiterating the Government of Saint Lucia’s commitment to “Putting People First”, Ambassador reaffirmed her commitment to contribute to the fulfilment of the guiding principle of the OAS - that of service to the people of our hemisphere. Permanent Representative Darius-Clarke also underscored the important role of the OAS in maintaining peace and security of the hemisphere, stressing the point that, “we must at all times strive to be an organization that seeks solutions to regional problems, and at the

same time, respecting the sovereign rights of member states.” She added that the road ahead will be challenging with a myriad of issues, however as a nation we must prioritize our pre-pandemic challenges of climate change, development and security.

Ambassador Darius-Clarke’s diplomatic career commenced in 2012 when she joined the Embassy of Saint Lucia in Washington as Alternate Representative to the OAS and Minister Counselor. Following her elevation to Ambassador to the United States in 2015, Mrs. Darius-Clarke concluded her Mission duty in 2016.

The Staff of the Saint Lucia Mission welcomes Ambassador Darius-Clarke back and wishes her a successful and productive tenure.

The OAS is the world’s oldest regional organization made of 35 independent states of the Americas and is based on four pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development. Saint Lucia has been a member of the OAS since May 22, 1979.