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RE: PRESS RELEASE

I refer to the recent statement made by the Minister of Justice, Ms Yvonne Dausab, as reported in a local newspaper, to the effect that the Legal Assistance Centre is no longer able to take on new legal matters. The LAC confirms that at this point a lack of funding has given us no option but to curtail our activities, in particular in relation to litigation.

We welcome the Minister's encouragement to Government to provide more funding for legal aid as well as the call for assistance from the legal profession.

Yours sincerely.

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