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Response to Statement Bringing Governor General into Disrepute

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As part of the constitutional structure of our democracy, Her Excellency, the Governor General, is the representative of the Crown. So significant is the role of Her Excellency as Head of State that the constitution mandates that the Prime Minister shall keep the Governor General fully informed concerning the general conduct of the Government of Belize, and shall furnish to the Governor General with such information as she may request with respect to any particular matter relating to the Government of Belize.

Our laws further mandates that it is unlawful for any person to bring the Governor General in her official capacity into contempt, disrepute or disaffection.

Whether one agrees or disagrees with this, the fact remains that this is what the supreme law of the country and the laws of Belize commands.

Recent statements made by Anthony “Boots” Martinez to the media scandalizing and bringing Her Excellency into disrepute are unwarranted, unprecedented and unlawful.

The Cabinet has requested the Attorney General to provide advice on this matter.

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