MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary for Justice and Border Control
From: Registrar of Courts
Date: 30 October 2020
Re: Report for Universal Periodic Review

I refer to the various consultations and meetings which were held between the Department of Justice and the Judiciary in respect of the developments in the Judiciary since 2016. During the consultation, it was made very clear to the Judiciary that the information sought was in relation to reporting for the 3rd Cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

As you are aware, the Judiciary has taken a very robust approach to improving and developing every area of its functions and responsibilities so that it is able to deliver services to the people of the Republic. The independence of the Judiciary including its financial independence has resulted in substantial work being undertaken. Recently we have renovated the courthouse to meet its modern and technological challenges. I am also pleased to inform you that currently, there are 3 courtrooms to enable 3 Judicial Officers to concurrently sit at any given time. The number has increased from 1 to 3 since 2016.

I am attaching a comprehensive report of major developments in the Judiciary for your information and request if this report can also become part of the UPR report as the 2nd Cycle of reporting required the Judiciary to undertake a number of tasks. I am pleased to inform that the Judiciary has been able to meet a number of those recommendations and we are still
striving to do whatever is necessary for an independent Judiciary to function effectively to assist the Republic in its socio-economic development.

Ronald Navin Prakash  
Registrar of Courts

Attached: