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## St. Kitts and Nevis Continues to Strengthen Diplomatic Relations with the United States of America

New York, New York (14 November 2024)— On Tuesday, November 11, 2024, H.E. Dr. Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations, engaged in productive bilateral talks with H.E. Paul A. Folmsbee, Senior Advisor for Western Hemisphere Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations, at the Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations.

Both Ambassadors seized the opportunity to delve into matters of geopolitical importance, including resolutions that were before the United Nations General Assembly, the U.N.'s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the recently adopted Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), the U.N.'s Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR), and the crisis in Haiti.

Ambassador Williams would have raised the issue of putting an end to the United States embargo against Cuba, strengthening security within the region, and St. Kitts and Nevis' thrust of becoming a sustainable state.

Ambassador Folmsbee who served in Embassy Port-au-Prince, Haiti during a major period of unrest and spent a significant amount of his career in the developing world, with a focus on economic and social development, said he considers himself a friend of the region, and he welcomed the strengthening of ties with the federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Since her appointment in January 2024, Ambassador Williams has been unwavering in her goal to build and maintain strong diplomatic and economic ties with the other 192 member states across the U.N. organ. Ambassador Williams said that she views the meeting with Ambassador Folmsbee as a significant step in that direction.

In August 2024, in her capacity as Chair of the CARICOM Caucus, Ambassador Williams would have welcomed her counterpart, Permanent Representative, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, H. E. Linda Thomas-Greenfield to the Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations to address the CARICOM Caucus on Haiti, discuss matters of mutual interest, and to strengthen regional and bilateral ties.

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