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Dear Prime Ministers,

I speak on behalf of the entire population of the Commonwealth of Dominica when I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity in supplying our country with essential Covid-19 vaccines. Thanks to the kindness of the Indian nation, 35,000 Dominicans will be vaccinated by April 2021.

In recent years, my Dominican brothers and sisters have faced hardships stemming from the global economic crisis, as well as from the effects of tropical storms and hurricanes. In 2020, like many nations across the globe, we were dealt an extraordinary blow by the Covid-19 crisis. However, your vaccines will allow us to move forward with renewed hope and optimism, and to reignite the many projects that Covid-19 pandemic has negatively impacted.

This is not the first time Dominica has relied on India's assistance. In our 41 years of diplomatic relations, Dominica and India have built a solid foundation of cooperation, with India having contributed to capacity building in Dominica, supplied medicine to public hospitals, and provided humanitarian relief in the wake of natural disasters. Now, showcasing the bond between our two nations, India has once again come to Dominica's aid, and this too will not be forgotten.

I hope to continue to nurture our strong partnership for our mutual benefit and for the benefit of our diaspora.

May 2021 bring good health and prosperity to the people of India.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

ROOSEVELT SKERRIT PRIME MINISTER