Finance (Administration) Act - Resolution to Authorize the Minister of Finance to guarantee borrowing by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited to finance the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it is provided under section 41 of the Finance (Administration) Act, Cap. 15.01 that a guarantee involving a financial liability is not binding on Government unless the Minister of Finance grants the guarantee in accordance with an enactment or with the prior approval of Parliament by a resolution of Parliament;

AND WHEREAS it is further provided under section 42 of the Finance (Administration) Act, Cap. 15.01 that any obligation arising from a guarantee given in accordance with section 41 is a debt charge and all debt charges for which the Government is liable shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund;

AND WHEREAS Parliament approved the guarantee of a loan in the amount of EC\$202,500,000.00 for the purpose of financing the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited under the Finance (Administration) Act — Resolution of Parliament to Authorise the Minister for Finance to guarantee borrowing by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited to finance the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project, published as Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2019;

AND WHEREAS the interest on the loan is payable monthly at a rate of five point five per cent per annum during the sixty-month moratorium period, and not semi-annually, as provided in Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2019, and consequently, Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2019 must be revoked;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Finance considers it necessary to guarantee a loan in the amount of EC\$202,500,000.00 for the purpose

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of financing the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited as follows —

- (a) Bank of Saint Lucia Limited EC\$58,900,000.00;
- (b) 1st National Bank St. Lucia Limited EC\$54,500,000.00;
- (c) Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited EC\$40,100,000.00;
- (d) Antigua Commercial Bank Ltd. EC\$24,500,000.00;
- (e) Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank EC\$24, 500,000.00;

AND WHEREAS the loan is repayable over a period of twenty years with a sixty-month moratorium on the principal payments with interest only paid;

AND WHEREAS the interest is payable quarterly from the date of the initial disbursement of the loan —

- (a) at a rate of five point five per cent per annum during the sixty-month moratorium period;
- (b) at a rate of not exceeding five per cent per annum at the expiry of the sixty-month moratorium period and the commencement of blended payments including interest and principal;

AND WHEREAS the blended interest rate will be provided semiannually, which will reflect the relative proportion of cash and government guarantee security provided and the interest is payable at —

- (a) four point five per cent on the cash security provided; and
- (b) five per cent on the government guarantee security provided;

AND WHEREAS the blended payments including principal and interest to be paid monthly;

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AND WHEREAS a commitment fee of zero point seven five per cent is payable on the disbursement of the loan;

BE IT RESOLVED that Parliament revokes the Finance (Administration) Act — Resolution of Parliament to Authorise the Minister for Finance to guarantee borrowing by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited to finance the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project, published as Statutory Instrument, No. 124 of 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parliament authorizes the Minister of Finance to guarantee a loan in the amount of EC\$202,500,000.00 for the purpose of financing the Hewanorra International Airport Redevelopment Project by the Saint Lucia Air and Sea Ports Authority from a syndicate of banks led by the Bank of Saint Lucia Limited as follows —

- (a) Bank of Saint Lucia Limited EC\$58,900,000.00;
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- (d) Antigua Commercial Bank Ltd. EC\$24,500,000.00;
- (e) Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank EC\$24, 500,000.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that —

- (a) the loan is repayable over a period of twenty years with a sixty-month moratorium on the principal payments with interest only paid;
- (b) the interest is payable quarterly from the date of the initial disbursement of the loan
 - (i) at a rate of five point five per cent per annum during the sixty-month moratorium period;
 - (ii) at a rate of not exceeding five per cent per annum at the expiry of the sixty-month moratorium period and

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the commencement of blended payments including interest and principal;

- (c) the blended interest rate will be provided semi-annually, which will reflect the relative proportion of cash and government guarantee security provided and the interest is payable at
 - (i) four point five per cent on the cash security provided;
 - (ii) five per cent on the government guarantee security provided;
- (d) the blended payments including principal and interest to be paid monthly;
- (e) a commitment fee of zero point seven five per cent is payable on the disbursement of the loan.

Passed in the House of Assembly this day of , 2020.

Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2020.

President of the Senate.