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PRESS RELEASE

Prime Minister Gonsalves attends United Nations General Assembly

Prime Minister Dr. Hon Ralph E Gonsalves is currently out of state attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly being convened at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Dr Gonsalves left the state on Saturday 21st September leading a 4 member delegation, that is expected to be engaged in a number of events and bi-lateral meetings over the course of the one week High-Level Session.

On Monday, Prime Minister Gonsalves addressed a High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage as well as attended the Climate Action Summit and the ALBA-TCP Political Council meeting where he presented the political declaration. There were also bilateral meetings with High-Level representatives from a number of countries including the Prime Minister of Ireland Leo Varadkar, The President of the State of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas, the Vice President of Cote d'Ivoire Daniel Kablan Duncan and the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. During this mission, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is also expected to establish diplomatic relations with at least two

countries and engage in discussions with a number of representatives from other countries on a range of issues.

This 74th General Assembly Session is the first meeting to the 193 member body that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is attending since being elected by 185 members of this very body, to serve as a non-permanent member on the United Nations Security Council for the period 2020-2021. Dr Gonsalves is expected to address the General Assembly on Friday afternoon during the general debate which gets on the way today Tuesday September 24th in the General Assembly Hall of the United Nations.

On Saturday 28th September, Prime Minister Gonsalves will host a town hall meeting where he will engage Vincentians living in the New York area. During this period while Prime Minister Gonsalves is out of state, Minister of Housing, The Hon Montgomery Daniel is serving as Acting Prime Minister. The Rest of the delegation includes: Minister of Foreign Affairs Sir Louie Straker, Minister of Finance Camillo Gonsalves and Mrs Eloise Gonsalves. Dr Gonsalves is expected to return to the State on Tuesday October 1st.

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