



Caribbean Community

29 March 2022

His Excellency Joseph Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington D.C.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Excellency

THE EXONERATION OF
THE RIGHT EXCELLENT MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY

I write as the Chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on a matter of great importance to our Member States and seek your urgent attention.

As you are no doubt aware, the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, National Hero of Jamaica and Exemplar for Africans and People of African Descent globally, was unfairly and unjustly convicted in 1923 on a trumped-up charge of "mail fraud" and sentenced to a five-year term of imprisonment. The full term was not served, but he was deported to Jamaica in 1927.

A fair trial of anyone requires probative evidence of critical elements for a conviction. It is clear that there was none. No conviction should stand which is based on perjured evidence. Justice demands that Garvey's name be no longer impugned by the stain of a criminal conviction when he ought rightly to have been acquitted.

Your Excellency is also no doubt aware that there has been, and is, a world-wide campaign to petition the President of the United States of America to order a full, unconditional, and final exoneration of Marcus Garvey, posthumously, from this bogus and trumped-up conviction. Please note that this petition is to EXONERATE Garvey fully, not merely to provide a posthumous clemency or pardon.

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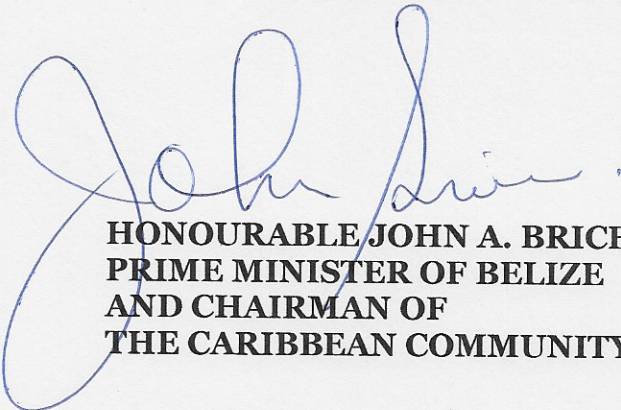
At the time of Marcus Garvey's unfounded indictment and conviction, he was the President of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), the largest ever mass organisation of Black people in our hemisphere and globally. By his mighty and extraordinary political deeds, Garvey's influence is still felt today in North America, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and elsewhere. Reputable scholars insist that Marcus Garvey is in the pantheon of Black heroes in our hemisphere alongside Toussaint L'Ouverture, "the Black Jacobin" of Haiti's anti-slavery and independence struggle; and the titan of our Americas, Dr. The Reverend Martin Luther King. He was an extraordinary leader in the top echelons of leaders in the twentieth century.

In our Caribbean, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and the University of the West Indies have accorded their imprimatur to the global petition to exonerate Marcus Garvey.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Caribbean Community, I humbly petition Your Excellency for the full exoneration of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

All the best to you, your family, government and people.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Briceño", is written over the typed name and title of the signatory.

**HONOURABLE JOHN A. BRICEÑO
PRIME MINISTER OF BELIZE
AND CHAIRMAN OF
THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)**