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Dear Prime Minister,

I had the great pleasure last year of meeting you soon after I took office as Prime Minister of Mauritius and to convey to you the desire of my Government to strengthen the friendly cooperation which already exist between our two countries. I feel that, at this juncture, Mauritius has more than before to rely on that cooperation in order to overcome its economic difficulties.

2. My Government has made every effort in the recent past to make maximum utilisation of all available foreign assistance to fulfil its major objective of a quick relance of our economy. The loans provided by the Government of the United Kingdom have now been almost fully committed and we expect all the projects that have been identified to be implemented in the near future. More resources are needed, on the one hand to implement priority projects aimed at increased local production, and on the other hand to meet our serious balance of payments deficits.

3. I would wish to reiterate my request for financial assistance from the Government of the United Kingdom in the form of soft term loans to be applied to the productive sector and an immediate balance of payment support aid on concessionary terms.


4. Mauritius has now embarked on a very comprehensive structural adjustment programme and both the IMF and the World Bank are closely following our economic performance and fully support our case for further assistance from friendly countries and other international organisations. The IMF and the World Bank have agreed to sponsor a Consultative Group Meeting for Mauritius in Paris between the 30th May and the 2nd June and are issuing invitations to a large number of countries and organisations which have traditionally provided their support to Mauritius. Your Government also will soon receive an invitation to the meeting as well as all necessary documents defining our needs in detail.

5. I am convinced that your delegation will take an active part in the forthcoming Consultative Group Meeting and will be fully mandated to make a substantial pledge for assistance to Mauritius and contribute to make the meeting a success.

I have asked my Minister of Finance, Hon. S. Lutchmeenaraidoo, to hand this over to you personally.

With warmest regards,

The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
First Lord of the Treasury and Minister
for the Civil Service.


A. JUGNAUTH
PRIME MINISTER