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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

I wrote to you in August to congratulate you on your successful re-election, and I am particularly pleased that one of the first visitors following the formation of your Government will be Alex Fletcher, my Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade. I am sure that you will make him welcome and will regard his visit as an assurance of our close interest in developing friendly relations with your country and our wish to build upon the level of cooperation which has already been achieved between Britain and Mauritius.

You will remember that, following your visit to London last autumn, we exchanged letters about the possibility of our assisting your Government in the redevelopment of Plaisance Airport. I said then that, although we would need to look at the position afresh in the light of the revised proposals put to us, I was hopeful that we would be able to respond positively. You will know that despite the pressure on our aid programme, we were able on 12 August to offer a substantial measure of financial help towards the completion of this important project. I understand that negotiations are well advanced with Plessey Airports, in whose capability we have full confidence, and I very much hope that a contract will shortly be signed to enable work to proceed.

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I would like to send, through Alex Fletcher, my best wishes for a successful term of office. He will be very interested to learn of your Government's plans for developing your trade and tourism and for attracting a greater volume of inward investment. I look forward to receiving a report on his return.

Every good wish
Yours sincerely

Rajant Shahar

The Honourable Aneerood Jugnauth, Q.C.