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The Ministry of National Security announces the appointment of new Permanent Secretary

The Ministry of National Security is pleased to announce the appointment of Ambassador Alison Stone Roofe as the new Permanent Secretary and to thank Mr. Courtney Williams for his outstanding oversight of the Ministry since October 2020.

With more than 30 years of experience in the public sector, Ambassador Stone Roofe brings a wealth of expertise in managing teams and multi-stakeholder relationships, building strategic partnerships, and cultivating global alliances.

Ambassador Stone Roofe has held several key positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, where she played a vital role in establishing relationships with partners both domestically and abroad. She has served as Ambassador and Head of Mission to the Embassy of Jamaica in Brazil, Director of the Caribbean and Americas Department, Under-Secretary for Bilateral, Regional and Hemispheric Affairs, Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Acting Chief Technical Director of the Foreign Ministry. Her appointment in 2021 as Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the International Seabed Authority is also a testament to her capabilities and the confidence placed in her leadership.

Ambassador Stone Roofe holds an M.Phil. in International Relations from the University of Oxford, an MSc. in Social Sciences (with Distinction), and a BSc. in International

Relations (First Class Honours) from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica. She is a former recipient of the Sir Laurence Lindo Prize for the best student in International Relations (1988) and a Commonwealth Scholarship recipient (M.Phil) at the University of Oxford (1993-1997). Her education, training and vast experience have equipped her with an understanding of the complex issues facing Jamaica's national security.

Ambassador Stone Roofe has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to the field of international relations, public administration and diplomacy. She was selected for the US International Visitor Leadership Programme (2008) and awarded the Order of the Rio Branco by the Brazilian Government in 2019. She previously served on the Boards of the Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation the Maritime Authority of Jamaica and the CARICOM Inter-Governmental Task Force on the review of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

Ambassador Stone Roofe's ability to manage teams, negotiate complex agreements, and develop strong relationships with local and international stakeholders has been well established throughout her career. Her expertise in these areas will be instrumental in situating and strengthening the work of the Ministry of National Security in its efforts to keep Jamaica safe.

As Permanent Secretary of Jamaica's Ministry of National Security, Ambassador Stone Roofe will provide strategic leadership and direction to the Ministry's efforts to enhance Jamaica's national security and public safety.

The Ministry of National Security is confident that Ambassador Stone Roofe's experience and expertise will prove invaluable in advancing the country's national security priorities. We welcome her to this new role and look forward to working with her to ensure the safety and security of all Jamaicans.