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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Chairman and Members  
Constitution Reform Advisory Committee(CRAC)  
VIP Suite 116, National Stadium  
Queen's Park, St. George's

Attn: Dr. Francis Alexis  
Chairman, Constitutional Advisory Committee

Dear Dr. Alexis and Members of CRAC,

**Re Submission on Behalf of Grouping of CSOs Review of the Rights and Freedoms  
Amendment Bill 2015**

I am pleased to advise that the second CSO-Constitutional Review retreat, organised by the Grouping of Civil Society Organisations took place on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and looked specifically at the *Rights and Freedoms Amendment Bill 2015*. Given the benefit of the presence of two attorneys-at-law, the retreat also reviewed the concerns coming out of the first retreat with the attorneys.

In keeping with responsible representation of the civil society sector on the Constitution Reform Advisory Committee (CRAC), I am pleased to make this second submission to the members of the CRAC on behalf of the Grouping of Civil Society Organisations, represented on the Advisory Committee by the Inter Agency Group of Development Organisations.

The submission details the Grouping of Civil Society Organisations' review of the *Rights and Freedoms Amendment Bill 2015*, addressing the following:-

- Points for clarification re the specific bills
- Concerns
- Recommendations
- Other observations

This second submission also presents additional comments and recommendations in respect of concerns re bills on which it has already made a first submission ( except the Elections and Boundaries Commission Bill).

The Grouping of CSOs trusts that these efforts will contribute to strengthening and refining the proposed bills and looks forward to the response of the CRAC to these submissions.

Please accept our best wishes.

Respectfully yours,



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