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FOREIGN MINISTER NICHOLSON ANNOUNCES UK HIGH COMMISSIONER

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Senator the Hon. A.J. Nicholson, Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade, announces the appointment of Mrs. Aloun Ndombet-Assamba as the new High Commissioner-designate of Jamaica to the United Kingdom.

The Foreign Minister expresses the confidence that: "Mrs. Assamba's wide experience in several areas of the social, cultural, economic and political life of our country, over time, will serve as cornerstone assets, as she embarks upon this new assignment."

Mrs. Assamba, an attorney-at-law by profession, who is currently in private practice at Aloun Ndombet-Assamba & Company, will be posted to London, later this month.

"My appointment as High Commissioner of Jamaica to the UK, has happened in the same year that we observe our Fiftieth Anniversary of Independence, and in the same year, too, that we anticipate great Jamaican feats in the 2012 London Olympic Games," says the High Commissioner-designate. This symbolic coincidence she says, adds to the weight of the appointment.

The Ambassador-designate indicates that she would like to place special emphasis on the Diaspora: “further increasing its importance, as it relates to Jamaica’s development.” She argues for a stronger relationship between Jamaicans at home and in the Diaspora.

In addition to her private practice, Mrs. Assamba has been a part-time lecturer at the Mona School of Business and has taught Mediation at the Norman Manley Law School. She is also a Supreme Court appointed Mediator and trainer in Mediation with the Dispute Resolution Foundation, and Principal of the Consulting Firm, QuestConsults.

The Ambassador–designate was also General Counsel/Chief Corporate Officer for Paymaster Jamaica Limited (2007-2008); the Heinz Fellow in Strategic Management at the University of Pittsburg (1991-1992); the legal advisor at the Jamaica Industrial Development Corporation (JIDC) (1983-1987), and associate attorney at Thwaites Fairclough Watson & Daly-Attorneys-at-law.

Mrs. Assamba is no stranger to public service, having been a Senator (1998-2002); Minister of State in Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Technology; Member of Parliament (2002-2007, Cabinet Minister of Industry and Tourism and then Minister of Tourism, Entertainment & Culture (2002-2007).

Importantly, the Ambassador-designate dedicated 20 years of her life to her beloved City of Kingston (COK) Credit Union, eight of which were spent as General Manager.

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