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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Financial Intelligence Authority Issues Public Warning on Fraudulent “CARICOM Invest” Investment Scheme**

The Financial Intelligence Authority (the Authority) is issuing a strong public warning regarding a fraudulent online investment scheme operating under the name “CARICOM Invest,” which is being promoted through misleading advertisements and fabricated news content.

The scheme falsely claims endorsement by regional leaders, including Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, and improperly references legitimate regional initiatives such as the Bridgetown Initiative. It also misuses the names of reputable institutions including the Caribbean Development Bank, Jamaica Stock Exchange and the CARICOM to create a false impression of legitimacy.

The Authority advises the public that:

- There is no officially recognized or authorized investment platform operating under the name “CARICOM Invest.”
- The scheme is not endorsed, approved, or affiliated with any Caribbean government, regional organization, or financial regulator.
- Claims of guaranteed high returns, risk-free investments, and quick profits are characteristic indicators of fraudulent investment schemes.

Members of the public are cautioned that engaging with this scheme may result in:

- Loss of personal funds
- Theft of personal and financial information
- Unauthorized access to bank accounts or digital wallets
- Exposure to further fraudulent solicitations

The Authority strongly recommends that individuals:

- Avoid registering, depositing funds, or sharing personal information on such platforms
- Verify all investment opportunities through licensed financial institutions and recognized regulatory bodies

- Be skeptical of unsolicited investment offers, particularly those promoted via social media or unofficial websites
- Report suspicious activity to the Authority and local law enforcement agencies

Individuals who believe they have encountered or been affected by this scheme are encouraged to report it immediately to the Authority.

The Authority remains committed to safeguarding the financial system of Saint Lucia and protecting the public from fraud, money laundering, and other financial crimes.

The public is urged to remain vigilant and exercise due diligence when considering any investment opportunity.

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