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Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

c/o Public Petitions Clerks  
Room T3.40  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP



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*Member for Central Scotland*

**3 February 2016**

*Dear Clerks,*

**Consideration of Petition PE1585**

I write regarding the above and in response to your letter of 16 December 2015.

On behalf of the Cross Party Group of the Caribbean, I can inform the Petitions Committee that the CPG is aware that the Flag Up Scotland/Jamaica organisation submitted the petition under consideration.

The Cross Party Group of the Caribbean believes that although historical links between Scotland and the Caribbean are important, the proposals in this petition are worth considering because of the extensive historical links which Scotland has with Jamaica.

The CPG supports the proposal to establish a “bilateral partnership” with Jamaica making it, like Malawi, a “Priority Country for trade and international development.” Initially, exploratory talks could be held with the UK High Commissioner for Jamaica, Flag Up Scotland Jamaica and other suitable partners to assess the viability of the proposals of this petition.

I hope this is helpful.

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