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US CONGRESSIONAL TEAM VISITS

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A team comprising of five (5) members of the United States Congress will arrive in St. Vincent and the Grenadines this weekend on a two-day familiarisation visit, as guest of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Head of the Team, Congressman Eliot L. Engel, serves on the US House sub-committees on Health, Energy and Air Quality, and is founder and Co-Chair of the House National Security Caucus which is seeking clean, energy efficient alternatives to over-reliance on oil. Mr. Engel, Representative from New York, has been a member of Congress since January, 1989. Prior to that, he served in the New York Assembly from 1977 to 1988.

While in St. Vincent, the team will pay courtesy calls on His Excellency the Governor General – Sir Frederick Ballantyne, Prime Minister – Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Foreign Affairs Minister – Sir Louis Straker and Opposition Leader – Arnhim Eustace, and will be taken on a tour of part of mainland St. Vincent.

The five-member delegation will be accompanied by a fourteen-member entourage comprising staff, security escorts and representatives of the US Embassy in Barbados.

The team will arrive Sunday (April 19th) and will leave St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Monday evening.