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MEDIA STATEMENT

UPDATE: BUDGET DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING LOCK-UP

As announced by the Minister in The Presidency and the Minister of Finance, the tabling of the 2025/26 annual budget, scheduled for 19 February 2025, is postponed to 12 March 2025.

The embargo on budget documents made available to certain members of the media and economists during the budget lock-up until the Minister was to start his Budget Speech on 19 February 2025, is lifted and reporting thereon is allowed. However, officials of the National Treasury will not be providing comments or responding to queries related to the budget documents originally scheduled for release on 19 February 2025.

The close out period that was expected to end on 19 February 2025 is extended until 12 March 2025 in line with the National Treasury's investor engagement strategy. During this period, there will be no senior officials available as preparation of the publication of the 2025 budget will be underway.

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