

Subject: Joint Communique from Meeting of Federal Assembly and Nevis Island Assembly
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JOINT COMMUNIQUE

Today, Tuesday, 18th February, 2003, a Meeting of the Parliamentarians of both Federal and Nevis Legislatures held a Meeting at the Ministry of Finance Conference Room. Basseterre, St. Kitts.

The Meeting was frank, cordial, forthright and amicable.

Present were:

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The Hon Dr Denzil L Douglas	Prime Minister
Hon Terrence 'Sam' Condor	Deputy Prime Minister
Dr The Hon Timothy Harris	
Hon Rupert Herbert	
Hon Dwyer Astaphan	
Hon Cedric Liburd	
The Hon Dr Earl 'Asimí' Martin	
Hon Jacinth Henry-Martin	
Hon Delano Bart	
Hon Halva Hendrickson	
Hon Marcella Liburd	

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Honourable Vance Amory	Premier
Honourable Malcolm Guishard	Leader of the Opposition in The Federal Parliament
Honourable Jean Harris	
Honourable Joseph Parry	
Honourable Patrice Nisbett	
Honourable Linel Nolan	

Also in attendance were:

Mr. Joseph Edmeade	Federal Cabinet Secretary
Mr. Orban Lawrence	Secretary to the Nevis Island Administration

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The Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM) and The Nevis Reformation Party (NRP) representatives advised of their preference not to participate in future Federal Elections and to expeditiously seek full Autonomy for the People of Nevis.

All Parliamentarians agreed to identify and engage two (2) independent constitutional experts to advise on avenues which may be realistically available, to achieve full Autonomy for Nevis.

The Parliamentarians further agreed that, whatever process is used, the future relationship between the Peoples and Governments of both Islands should be secured and sustained in a special manner.

The Parliamentary Select Committee on Constitutional Reform consisting of:

Hon Terrence 'Sam' Condor	Chairman
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Hon Dwyer Astaphan
Hon Delano F. Bart
Hon Marcella Liburd
Hon Malcolm Guishard
Hon Patrice Nisbett

shall engage in the process of consulting with Social Partners inclusive of Political Parties on both Islands.

Every effort will be made to advise and inform the Peoples of both Islands, of the Region and the International Community on the need to move the process forward in achieving a new Constitutional relationship between the Islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Joseph Edmeade
Cabinet Secretary

18th February, 2003