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**Henley & Partners Media Statement****Caribbean Fake News Scandal****London, 24 August 2017**

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Henley & Partners, Wells Fargo Bank, Christopher Willis, and the Government of Grenada as well as the Government of Antigua and Barbuda have each confirmed in separate statements that the allegations concerning a “sale” of diplomatic passports by the convicted money launderer and now self-proclaimed “financial crime expert” and blogger Kenneth Rijock are completely false.

This fake news matter has now been referred to major law firms in the United States, Canada, and England, and to forensic intelligence specialists who are investigating the case. There are strong indications already as to the originator of this malicious and bogus story, who together with any news services that continue to disseminate this fake news will be prosecuted with the full force of law, as this may be actionable in several jurisdictions.

Even though focused in this instance against Grenada, fabricated and defamatory news stories such as this, based on blatantly forged documents, do a great deal of harm to all Caribbean citizenship-by-investment programs. Besides the significant funds such programs raise for a country, they also assist in improving the visibility and relevance of smaller nations, by attracting important international investment and creating other global opportunities.

Henley & Partners has distinguished itself as the global leader in residence and citizenship planning, and has been a trusted advisor to both private clients and governments across the world for more than 20 years. To date, we have helped raise more than USD 6 billion in foreign direct investment, and to a significant degree in the Eastern Caribbean region. We remain at the forefront of promoting best practices and professionalization of the Citizenship-by-Investment industry, and together with other leading firms as well as governments will continue to do so.

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**Notes to Editors****About Henley & Partners**

The Firm of Global Citizens®



Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship planning. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals, families and their advisors rely on its expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team in over 25 offices worldwide.

The concept of residence and citizenship planning was created by Henley & Partners in the 1990s. As globalization has expanded, residence and citizenship have become topics of significant interest among the increasing number of internationally mobile entrepreneurs and investors whom we proudly serve every day.

The firm also runs a leading government advisory practice which has raised more than USD 6 billion in foreign direct investment. The firm has been involved in strategic consulting and the design, set-up and operation of the world's most successful residence and citizenship programs.

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