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*Honourable Oliver Joseph, M.P.,
Minister for Labour,
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April 12, 2017.

Dear Minister Joseph,

RE: REFUSAL OF CABLE AND WIRELESS TO IMPLIMENT ARBITRATION AWARDS

*The Grenada Technical and Allied Workers' Union brings to your attention a most worrying development engaged in by **Cable & Wireless**.*

*As **Minister for Labour**, you must be aware that there was a **Trade Dispute** between **Cable and Wireless** and **Grenada Technical and Allied Workers' Union** on the matters of **Salary Increases** and **Vehicle Buyout Allowance**. This **Trade Dispute** was expected to be settled (or so it appeared) by the **Arbitration Tribunal** which was set up to address the matters.*

*The decision of the **Tribunal** was communicated to the parties in **December 2016**. The **Grenada Technical and Allied Workers' Union** hereby brings to your attention that up to the time of writing the **Company** has refused to implement the awards of the **Tribunal**. As a matter of fact, the **Union** wrote the **Company** on **February 15, 2017** and **March 9, 2017** calling upon it to implement the awards. The **Company** has refused to even acknowledge receipt of the correspondences. Verbal communication was also held with representatives from the **Company**.*

*The **Union** views the actions by **Cable and Wireless** as part of its disregard and disrespect for our institutions and its continued ongoing deliberate **anti-union** and **anti-worker** behaviour.*

*It certainly appears that the **Company**, for reasons best known to it, is desirous of creating industrial unrest in the country.*

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This correspondence is written so that the relevant parties can be kept aware of the ongoing developments.

Respectfully,



**M. André Lewis,
President General.**

**CC: Dr. The Right Hon. Keith Mitchell, MP,
Prime Minister,
Chairperson,
Committee of Social Partners.**

**Reverend Dr. Osbert James,
Former Chairman,
C&W/GTAWU Arbitration Tribunal.**

Committee of Social Partners.

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