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Barbados Prime Minister Hold Talks With Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister in Bridgetown

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Barbados Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley greets Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, François-Philippe Champagne, at their courtesy call at Ilaro Court Monday. By. GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS

BARBADOS — Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley on Monday held wide-ranging discussions with Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Francois-Philippe Champagne, during a bilateral meeting at Ilaro Court in Bridgetown, the government of Barbados has made known.

During the hour-long talks, Ms. Mottley spoke about Barbados's economy, saying that although the country was not fully out of the woods, it was a long way from where it was

two years ago.

The prime minister stressed that sustained growth was required to take it to the next level and said government was committed to ensuring it occurred.

She noted that Canada had assisted Barbados in a number of areas over the years, and identified two new programmes for which assistance was required.

She noted that Barbados and Canada had worked very closely in the past, and underscored the importance of that relationship growing.

Those attending Monday's meeting were Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, Sandra Husbands; Barbados' High Commissioner to Canada, Reginald Farley; and Canada's High Commissioner to Barbados, Marie Legault.

Mr. Champagne is representing Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who was to be the special guest at the 31st Inter-sessional Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, which takes place on February 18 and 19, at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre.

Mr. Trudeau has had to remain in Canada because of pressing domestic issues.