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## Readout of Vice President Harris's Call with President Ali of Guyana

Vice President Kamala Harris today spoke with President Mohamed Irfaan Ali of Guyana as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships with Caribbean nations, and to underscore the continued importance the United States places on the U.S.-Guyana relationship. In [April](#), the Vice President convened a virtual meeting with Caribbean leaders and in [June](#), at the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles, President Biden and the Vice President convened Caribbean leaders for an in-person meeting. In today's call, the Vice President and President Ali reviewed progress made since these engagements, including the work of three short-term joint U.S.-Caribbean committees that President Biden and the Vice President launched at the Summit of the Americas to produce concrete, near-term solutions on areas of immediate concern for Caribbean leaders: food security, energy security, and access to development financing. The Vice President welcomed progress made on these three areas, and reiterated the interest of the United States in addressing the unique vulnerabilities and urgent economic challenges facing Caribbean nations.

In particular, the Vice President and President Ali discussed the work of the U.S.-Caribbean food security committee, which President Ali leads for the Caribbean. The Vice President thanked President Ali for his leadership and noted that addressing food insecurity is a global priority for the Biden-Harris Administration, which is working with the international community to provide immediate aid to the hungry and to promote investment in agriculture to increase food production. The Vice President and President Ali discussed the recent commitment of the United States to provide \$28 million for food security assistance to Caribbean nations and other ways the United States can support the Caribbean in this area.

The Vice President and President Ali discussed the importance of a sustainable energy future. As part of that, they discussed the implementation

of the U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis 2030 (PACC 2030), which the Vice President launched in June to facilitate clean energy infrastructure development and strengthen climate resiliency in the Caribbean. The Vice President highlighted efforts to accelerate PACC 2030's energy infrastructure development timeline by incorporating these lines of effort into the work of the U.S.-Caribbean short-term energy and finance committees.

The Vice President noted that she looked forward to continuing her collaboration with President Ali in promoting inclusive democracy, economic development, and security for all Guyanese, and underscored the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to strengthening U.S. partnerships with the Caribbean.