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Press Release

Appointment of an International Advisor to the Minister

The Ministry of Finance is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Shanta Devarajan as Advisor to the Minister effective May 20th, 2021. He was the World Bank Group's former Acting Chief Economist and Senior Director for Development Economics (DEC).

Dr. Shanta Devarajan is a professor of the practice of international development at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and was previously the Chief Economist of the World Bank to the Middle East and North Africa, Africa, and South Asia regions and the Human Development Network. He was also a Director of the 2004 World Development Report. Before 1991, Dr. Devarajan was on the faculty of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He is also author and co-author of over 100 publications, which covers research on public economics, trade policy, natural resources, environment, and general equilibrium modeling of developing countries.

Dr. Devarajan holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and A.B. in Mathematics from Princeton University.

"I'm excited to welcome Dr. Devarajan to our team. He is exactly what we need to strengthen and foster closer ties with our international partners with his strategic guidance and advice to reshape, recover and to make our economy more resilient in the wake of this global pandemic."

Hon. Ibrahim Ameer, Minister of Finance

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