

The Political Committee of DLM-Alliance. Wiltshire, Martin, Esprit, Green and Riviere who piloted the drive against the new sellout mafia Intercontinental «Freeport» Agreement which was finally cancelled.

* Introduce a Code of Conduct on foreign investment in order to impose obligations on entrepreneurs, the government and people of Dominica, which will include guidelines on tax incentives, joint participation, capital transfer, pricing, so as to prevent corruption, kickbacks and so forth.

5. – PRICES :

*Introduce controls on prices of all essential commodities.

* Demand the merchants show cause why price increases are requested.

*Where possible, direct subsidization of essential items to meet basic needs of the poor for food, shelter and clothing.

6. – BUDGETARY POLICY :

* Introduce a sound policy on fiscal and budgetary management.

* Reorganise and regularise the taxation system in order to make it more equitable and free of loopholes – i.e. tighten on tax collection methods.

* Use the system of progressive taxation as a means of redistributing income in favour of those who labour.

* Restructure the budget so that more emphasis will be placed on incentives for increased production and productivity, health, education, and welfare, as well as the development of the infrastructure.

* Introduce measures to make the public services more productive and more conscious of waste and corruption, by being more productive and efficient.

* Undertake a vigorous campaign overseas to raise capital for productive investment and financing development projects, using as much as possible our connections with LOME II, GATT, UNDP, the World Bank, etc.

* Introduce sound financial planning in order to control the growth of the national debt. In this light, an Alliance Government would support the call by Third World Governments and progressive developed countries to reschedule, and more importantly, declare a morotorium on debts owed by Third World countries.

7. – FOREIGN TRADE :

* Seek to develop trade links with as many countries as possible, consistent with our foreign policy of non-alignment.

* Sell our products to the highest bidder and buy good quality goods from the cheapest source.

* Honour all contractual arrangements with foreign buyers and suppliers.

* Explore the diversification of the market for bananas and other agricultural products in non-traditional markets.

8. – BANKING AND FINANCE :

* Encourage local participation in the banking system.

* Provide incentives to entrepreneurs and encourage thrift among the people.

* Strengthen the National and Commercial Bank of Dominica and the AID-Bank, with a view to deepening its role in the process of economic development and reconstruction.

* Provide support for the Credit Union movement as a leading financial institution, especially paying due regard to its role in financing housing and agricultural development.

*Encourage banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions, to be more sensitive to the needs of farmers and entrepreneurs for development finance.

* Establish some form of control over the export of foreign exchange, as is currently practised in Trinidad and Tobago.

9. – EMPLOYMENT :

* Under the concept of «Work for All, Break for All», the economic measures to be implemented by the DLM-Alliance Government will no doubt make a heavy demand on the country's work force and therefore, provide a greater number of jobs in the economy.

* To this end, the Alliance Government shall set up in the Ministry of Labour, an Employment Bureau, whose main task will be to register and deploy workers in every growing sector in the economy. The Bureau will pay special attention to the employment needs of youth and women.

* In conjunction with the Ministry of Labour, the Employment Bureau shall take steps to reduce the incidence of underemployment, especially in the public service.

* A DLM-Alliance Government will pay due attention to the concept of worker alienation by taking steps to increase worker participation with appropriate education to make work satisfying and self rewarding – a major incentive to increasing the productivity of the labour force.

10. – THE PUBLIC SECTOR :

*Implement a vigorous agrarian reform programme that will serve as the key to transforming the agricultural economy.

* To mount public sector operations, aimed at raising agricultural output and incomes, and in this regard, completion of the development of Dominica's infrastructure in order to bring electricity and bituminous and feeder roads, water and social services to the whole country.

* To promote the development of pumice, aimed at establishing a cement plant in Dominica.

* Setting up a fertilizer storage and mixing plant to service agricultural production.