



We all know the narratives and the tools that are being used to justify and legitimize this cruelty. They were born and matured in the cradle of Caribbean slave societies. These instruments of terror were not abandoned and buried when the slave enterprise was discredited and dismantled. Human decency has not been spared. History has released them for duty today.

We must therefore unite once again all people of goodwill, and all institutions that hold in their bosom a passion for humanity, to end the military massacres of powerless masses whose only sin is their hope for freedom. We have seen in our story of struggle how the many are made to pay for the actions of the few; and how the principle of war continues to be that the blood of all is to be spilt to soothe the souls of offended egos.

As a result, Mr President, I come hither to lay this fundamental truth before you. I do so with deep respect to you and the nobility of this enduring institution.

This truth, Mr President is this:

That until our Western World deploys its considerable wisdom and agree to pay just reparations to those who have been subject to the slavery African holocaust;

That until men and women of good conscience move together as one to bring closure to the crime of enslavement and native genocide in the form of sincere apologies and development compensation;

That until there is respect for the double burden the people of Africa have carried for the moral conscience of modernity, exemplified in our time in the super

Only such an approach to the future will provide the framework for inclusive economic and social development; it will secure the equity expected from the reform of our global and regional financial institutions.

We will not therefore, with our silence, allow the old, persistent inequalities and the barbarity it has bred to find a new beach head upon which to launch further crimes against humanity.

We therefore celebrate the wisdom of these calls from CARICOM, and the advocacy of visionary leaders such as the Honorable Ralph Gonsalves and Mia Mottley. This is the moment for all good and humane citizens to join the Reparatory Justice Movement, to come together and to begin the healing of historic wounds that fester before our very faces.

The persistence of congenital colonialism remains a veritable source of human suffering to the people of the Caribbean.