Dear Girlguiding Cayman Islands Members,

You will have received this morning an email from Girlguiding UK announcing the decision to remove support and links within all BGO Countries. Attached you will find a statement from the BGO Executive team.

Girlguiding Cayman Islands is surprised and extremely disappointed with this decision and that the British Overseas Territories are being included within this process.

As a British Overseas Territory we have a special link to the UK and the Girlguiding Branch Associations (now referred to as Caribbean and Atlantic Counties) have been in place for nearly 40 years. All of our volunteers have worked hard to be compliant with the rules and regulations, remained up to date with the programme and have given members wonderful Guiding experiences.

We do not yet know what the final solution will be, however be assured that the Executive team are working hard to ensure that Guiding remains active and we continue to offer the best experience we can in the Cayman Islands. We will update all members with further information as soon as we have more to share.

All Unit meetings, activities and events will continue as normal during Term 3.

Girlguiding UK has set up a team to answer any questions and handle letters of complaint and disappointment.

To Contact Girlguiding HQ: <a href="mailto:enquiries.bgo@girlguiding.org.uk">enquiries.bgo@girlguiding.org.uk</a> or Telephone +44 020 8159 4040

Yours in Guiding, Charlie Lewis (Starfish) Cayman Islands Commissioner