

Statement by PLP Leader Marc Bean - Feb 6, 2014

The Bermuda Progressive Labour Party welcomes the news that the two sides in this dispute have reached a resolution and that the Bermuda Industrial Union members will be returning to work.

Hopefully lessons have been learned and that going forward we will see a more balanced and more respectful approach to the process that will create an environment where industrial action such as Bermuda witnessed over the past 24 hours, will be unnecessary.

The Unions play a vital role in our society as do our island's employers. The current economic conditions must not be used to excuse efforts to roll back the hard fought for gains of the labour movement.

The unions made their stand, the Fairmont Hamilton Princess took their stand and now we must put this incident behind us and work together as partners in our island's success.

On social media and around the dinner table across the island there has been a vocal minority negative element that has called for everything from the breaking of the union to economic retribution against union workers.

This is intolerable and such attitudes must adjust if we wish to maintain the peaceful island we all love. Bermuda cannot survive if Bermudians are left behind and together we must find new ways to move our country forward