

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANISATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

The General Secretariat of the Organisation of American States (hereinafter referred to as "the General Secretariat") and the Caribbean Community (hereinafter referred to as "CARICOM" or "The Community") acting through the CARICOM Secretariat:

CONSIDERING that the Charter of the Organisation of American States ("OAS") has specified, *inter alia*, the following essential purposes: to seek the solution of political, juridical and economic problems that may arise among the Member States, and to provide by co-operative action, for their economic, social and cultural development;

RECOGNISING that Article 117(h) of the OAS Charter provides for the establishment of co-operative relations between the General Secretariat and Specialised Organisations as well as the regional and international organisations;

BEARING IN MIND that CARICOM is an inter-governmental organisation established by a Treaty subscribed by the Member States of Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago for the integration of efforts in a number of areas;

CONSIDERING that pursuant to Article 117(h) of the OAS Charter, Resolution AG/RES. 57(I-O/71), and Article 3(h) of the General Standards, the General Secretariat is authorised to enter into co-operative agreements with intergovernmental organisations, and that under the Treaty establishing the Community, provision is made for CARICOM to enter into agreements with Member States, non-Member States, and International Organisations;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that twelve Member States of CARICOM are members of the OAS:

RECOGNISING that CARICOM deals, at the sub-regional level, with activities which are in harmony with projects and programmes pursued by the OAS at the regional level;

DESIROUS of co-ordinating their efforts with a view to pursuing their common aims within the framework of the Charter of the OAS and the Treaty establishing CARICOM;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

CO-OPERATION

1. The General Secretariat and CARICOM shall consult and co-operate with each other on matters of common interest within the scope of the general objectives of their respective Organisations.

2. The General Secretariat and CARICOM shall inform each other of developments and progress in their respective activities which are of mutual interest.

ARTICLE II

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

1. The General Secretariat and CARICOM shall arrange for the regular exchange of information and documents that are not the subject of special restrictions concerning matters of mutual interest.

2. The General Secretariat and CARICOM shall inform each other of developments and progress in their respective activities which are of mutual interest.

ARTICLE III

CONSULTATION

1. The General Secretariat and CARICOM shall consult regularly on matters of common interest referred to in Article I of this Agreement and, in particular, on programme priorities within the Caribbean Community.

2. The General Secretariat shall transmit to CARICOM whatever plans it may have for the development of its regional activities in the Member States of CARICOM and shall take into consideration proposals which are made by CARICOM in respect of those plans, with a view to securing effective co-ordination between the General Secretariat and CARICOM and avoiding unnecessary duplication of functions.

3. CARICOM shall transmit to the General Secretariat whatever plans it may have for the development of its activities in the Member States of the OAS and shall take into consideration proposals which are made by the General Secretariat in respect of those plans, with a view to securing effective co-ordination between the General Secretariat and CARICOM and avoiding unnecessary duplication of functions.

ARTICLE IV

JOINT IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

1. For the effective use of available resources, where projects which are being undertaken by CARICOM are in consonance with approved programme activities of the General Secretariat, both Organisations shall explore the possibility of joint implementation of those projects.

2. The General Secretariat may also consider, where this is deemed feasible, co-financing arrangements through the appropriate organs of the OAS, and with other Organisations or Institutions for the effective implementation of projects being undertaken by CARICOM which are in consonance with areas identified by the General Secretariat and CARICOM for priority assistance by the General Secretariat.

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ARTICLE V

RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. The General Secretariat shall invite CARICOM to send observers to meetings of the General Assembly and other meetings of the OAS organs where matters of potential interest to CARICOM are to be discussed. At those meetings, CARICOM shall have the right to participate but will not have the right to vote.

2. CARICOM shall invite the General Secretariat to send observers to the meetings of the Community where matters of potential interest to the General Secretariat are to be discussed. At those meetings, the General Secretariat shall have the right to participate but will not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE VI

REGIONAL TECHNICAL MEETINGS

The General Secretariat and CARICOM may, in appropriate cases, agree to convene under their combined auspices, and in accordance with arrangements to be decided upon in each particular case, joint meetings of experts to deal with subjects of interest to both parties.

ARTICLE VII

AID IN TECHNICAL STUDIES

1. CARICOM may request the General Secretariat to assist CARICOM in studying technical matters relating to education, science, culture and social and economic affairs.

2. Any such request by CARICOM shall be examined by the General Secretariat which, within the framework of its approved Programme Budget and Activities, shall use its best endeavours to provide such assistance in such form and on such conditions as shall be agreed upon between the General Secretariat and CARICOM.

ARTICLE VIII

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of CARICOM shall make administrative arrangements designed to ensure effective collaboration and liaison between their respective Organisations.

ARTICLE IX

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of CARICOM shall hold regular consultations on such questions as may arise on the subject covered by this Agreement.
2. The Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of CARICOM may, for purposes of the application of this Agreement, enter into such supplementary arrangements as may be deemed desirable in the light of experience.

ARTICLE X

ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND DURATION

1. This Agreement shall come into force as soon as it has been signed by the Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of CARICOM on behalf of their respective Organisations.
2. This Agreement may be amended with the consent of both parties.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent or may be terminated by either party giving the other party six months' notice in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of CARICOM have signed this Agreement in duplicate originals, both in English.

DONE in the city of Nassau, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on this Eighteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

**For the General Secretariat of the
Organisation of American States**

Secretary-General

**For the Caribbean Community
sgd. R. Rainford
Secretary-General**