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**SECOND MEETING OF THE CARICOM - CHILE JOINT
COMMISSION
SANTIAGO, CHILE
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FINAL ACT

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and representatives of Chile and the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) present at this Meeting: Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago, and the CARICOM Secretariat.

Convened in Santiago, Chile, on 3 and 4 February 2012, in the framework of the Second Meeting of the CARICOM-Chile Joint Commission, chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Mr Alfredo Moreno Charme and Hon. Dr Timothy Sylvester Harris, Minister of International Trade, Industry and Commerce, St. Kitts and Nevis, Chair of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) of CARICOM.

The Agenda is included in Annex I.

The Work Programme is included in Annex II

The list of participating delegations is included in Annex III.

Recalled the agreement that created this mechanism, signed in Kingston, Jamaica, on 13 May, 1996, which objective is to promote and strengthen political, commercial, economic, scientific, technical and cultural cooperation in order to deepen relations between the Parties and coordinate their positions in international fora.

Recalled further the agreements reached at the First CARICOM-Chile Joint Commission held in Santiago, Chile on 7 June 2003, acknowledging its importance and significant contribution to strengthening ties between the respective nations;

Reaffirmed their firm commitment to the Principles and Purposes enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Organization of American States, multilateralism and the fundamental principles of International Law, including respect for the sovereignty and sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in internal affairs, banning of threat and the use of force in international relations, the respect for territorial integrity and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Shared their concern for the impact of the current economic and financial crisis, particularly on small developing countries, which threatens to erode the progress made towards the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and the realisation of the United Nations Development Agenda;

Aware that cooperation and solidarity are important for regional efforts vis-à-vis new global threats, they ratified their commitment to intensify political dialogue and cooperation among States as an effective strategy for the achievement of sustainable development objectives and greater well-being for their peoples;

They agreed:

1. To reaffirm the strong ties of fraternity and solidarity between our nations.
2. That cooperation is an essential component in regional integration between the Member States of the Caribbean Community and the Republic of Chile.
3. To continue developing and expanding cooperation programmes between our nations in the prioritized areas we have identified, in accordance with the potentials and possibilities of each State: natural disaster management; sustainable agriculture, food and nutrition security and sanitary and phyto sanitary measures; intra-CARICOM cooperation; capacity building; private enterprises and competitiveness (with emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises); trade negotiation training; diplomatic training; Spanish language training; and security. The detailed Action Plan is included in Annex IV.
4. To work actively for the on-going integration and coordination endeavours in Latin America and the Caribbean, while ensuring that the issues of vital

importance to CARICOM are duly recognized and addressed within the context of CELAC.

5. To coordinate positions and establish seamless information channels to ensure a successful First CELAC Summit to be held under the Pro Tempore Presidency of Chile for the period 2012. In this regard they acknowledge the importance of a voice being given to the non-Spanish speaking CARICOM Member States and agreed that they should have a representational seat on the CELAC Troika.
6. To strengthen ties between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union, and value bi-regional summits as a crucial space to foster Strategic Partnership between the two regions. In addition, they underscored the relevance of the central theme proposed for the CELAC-EU Summit: "Alliance for Sustainable Development: Promoting Social and Environmental Quality Investments". In this regard, they pledged their best efforts and active participation in pursuit of the success of the forthcoming bi-regional Summit, to be held in Santiago in January 2013.
7. That the international order is firmly structured on the basis of the territorial integrity of States, full respect for international law and the immutability of border treaties.
8. To promote dialogue, cooperation and joint actions to address the global drug problem, through a comprehensive approach and in the framework of the principle of common and shared responsibility, respect for Human Rights and International Law.
9. To uphold their commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and to cooperate in the prevention of acts of terrorism, avoiding impunity for those who commit them and protect the victims of such acts. The fight against this scourge will be developed in accordance with domestic law and the rules of international law - with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, international humanitarian law, international refugee law and international human rights law, in addition to the commitments emanating from conventions and international instruments on the subject, and the relevant Resolutions of the Security Council and of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
10. To reaffirm the priority for the respect and promotion of human rights of migrants and their families, regardless of their immigration status, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, age or any other discriminatory consideration, and reiterate the importance of articulating joint positions on migration issues in international fora.

11. To stress their commitment to the defence of the environment, express particular concern for the effects of climate change and insist on the need to radically reduce emissions of greenhouse gases to prevent further worsening of the problem, urging all countries to fulfil their commitments to reduce such emissions, and calling on the developed countries to provide greater financial resources and facilitate the transfer of clean technologies. They also undertook to make joint efforts to safeguard the validity and continuity of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its principles.
12. To note their concern at the slow progress of the Doha Round and to reiterate the need to pursue efforts to conclude the negotiations successfully, with satisfactory and balanced results to address in particular the interests and needs of developing countries, in accordance with the development objective of the Round, reflected in the mandates and principles agreed at the WTO Ministerial Conference in Doha (2001) and Hong Kong (2005).
13. To extend sincere and warm greetings to the Governments and peoples of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago as they celebrate 50 years of political independence.
14. To promote cultural exchanges and people to people contacts as a mechanism to strengthen knowledge and mutual understanding of their respective societies.
15. To underscore the importance of tourism to the Member States of the Caribbean Community and to undertake efforts to promote tourism flows from Chile to CARICOM Member States.
16. To note the candidature of Chile for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council for the period 2014-2015 and to note that this candidature would be considered on a timely basis by CARICOM Member States through the appropriate channels.
17. To underscore the importance of the CARICOM Development Fund and the Caribbean Development Bank as mechanisms for development financing for CARICOM Member States. Likewise to examine the possibility of cooperation between Chile and these institutions as well as other relevant regional agencies such as the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCC), Caribbean Agriculture Research and Development Institute (CARDI), Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CFRAM), the Caribbean

Agricultural Food and Health Safety Agency (CAFHSA) the University of the West Indies (UWI) inter alia, to heighten its economic and technical cooperation with CARICOM.

18. To promote reciprocal trade and investment, seeking in particular to support the participation of potential investors and business partners in trade shows and investment promotion events in their respective territories.
19. To agree to pursue and implement visa waiver agreements between Chile and all CARICOM Member States in order to facilitate movement of people and expertise between the Region and Chile in furtherance of our objectives to enhance trade, investment, tourism, technical cooperation and cultural exchanges among our countries.
20. To note CARICOM's invitation to the President of Chile, Mr. Sebastián Piñera to attend the Inter-Sessional Meeting of Heads of Government, scheduled to take place on 8 and 9 March 2012, in Paramaribo, Suriname.
21. To record the recognition of the CARICOM Member States of the Technical Cooperation initiatives extended by Chile over the years. To place on record the appreciation of CARICOM for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Second Meeting of the CARICOM-Chile Joint Commission in Santiago, Chile on 3-4 February 2012.
22. To hold the next Joint Commission meeting, as stipulated in the Agreement, in 2014, on a date and venue to be established through diplomatic channels.

Santiago, Chile, 3 February 2012



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