

FINAL ACT

The representatives of:

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA,

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS,

BARBADOS,

BELIZE,

THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA,

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,

GRENADA,

THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA,

THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI,

JAMAICA,

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS,

SAINT LUCIA,

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES,

THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME,

THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,

hereinafter referred to as the "CARIFORUM States",

of the one part, and

THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM,

THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA,

THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK,

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,

THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,

IRELAND,

THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC,

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN,

THE FRENCH REPUBLIC,

THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,

THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,

THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG,

THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY,

MALTA,

THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS,

THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND,

THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC,

ROMANIA,

THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA,

THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC,

THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND,

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

Contracting Parties to the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Treaty on European Union, hereinafter referred to as the "Member States of the European Union", and

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

of the other part

meeting at Bridgetown, Barbados on the fifteenth day of October in the year two thousand and eight for the signature of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, have at the time of signature of the Agreement:

- adopted the following Annexes, Protocols, Joint Declarations and the Joint Statement:

ANNEX I: Export Duties

ANNEX II: Customs Duties on Products Originating in CARIFORUM States

ANNEX III: Customs Duties on Products Originating in the EC Party

ANNEX IV: Lists of Commitments on Investment and Trade in Services

ANNEX V: Enquiry Points (referred to in Article 86)

ANNEX VI: Covered Procurements

ANNEX VII: Means of Publication

PROTOCOL I: Concerning the Definition of the Concept of "Originating Products" and Methods of Administrative Cooperation

PROTOCOL II: On Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters

PROTOCOL III: On Cultural Cooperation

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have signed this Final Act.

Съставено в Бриджтаун, Барбадос на втори септември две хиляди и осма година.

Hecho en Bridgetown, Barbados, el dos de septiembre de dosmile ocho.

V Bridgetownu na Barbadosu dne druhého září dva tisíce osm.

Udfærdiget i Bridgetown, Barbados, den anden september to tusind og otte.

Geschehen zu Bridgetown, Barbados, am zweiten September zweitausendacht.

Kahe tuhanda kaheksanda aasta septembrikuu teisel päeval Bridgetownis Barbadosel.

Έγινε στο Bridgetown των Μπαρμπάντος, στις δύο Σεπτεμβρίου δύο χιλιάδες οκτώ.

Done at Bridgetown, Barbados on the second day of September in the year two thousand and eight.

Fait à Bridgetown, la Barbade, le deux septembre deux mille huit.

Fatto a Bridgetown, Barbados, addì due settembre duemilaotto.

Bridžtaunā, Barbadosā, divtūkstoš astotā gada otrajā septembrī.

Priimta Bridžtaune, Barbadosė, du tūkstančiai aštuntų metų rugsėjo antrą dieną.

Kelt Bridgetownban, Barbadoson a kétezer-nyolcadik év szeptember második napján.

Magħmul fi Bridgetown, il-Barbados fit-tieni jum ta' Settembru tas-sena elfejn u tmienja.

Gedaan te Bridgetown, Barbados, de tweede september tweeduizend acht.

Sporządzono w Bridgetown na Barbadosie dnia drugiego września roku dwa tysiące ósmego.

Feito em Bridgetown, Barbados, em dois de Setembro de dois mil e oito.

Înceiat la Bridgetown, Barbados, la doi septembrie două mii opt.

V Bridgetowne na Barbadosė dņa druhého septembra dvetisícosem.

V Bridgetownu, Barbados, dne drugega septembra leta dva tisoč osem.

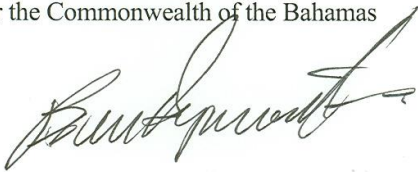
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Utfärdad i Bridgetown, Barbados, den andra september tjugohundraåtta.

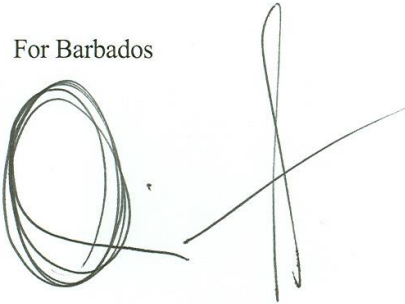
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For the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

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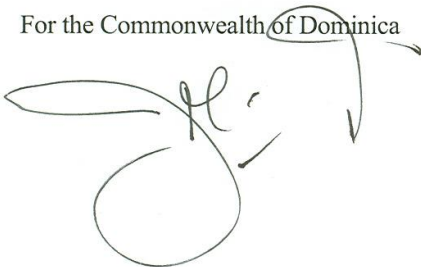
For Barbados

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For Belize

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For the Commonwealth of Dominica

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Por la República Dominicana



For Grenada



For the Republic of Guyana

P. Thomas. BRUSSELS, Oct. 20, 2003.

Pour la République d'Haïti

*J. J. J. J., Port-au-Prince, 10 décembre 2009
signé avec déclaration*

For Jamaica



For Saint Christopher and Nevis

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For Saint Lucia

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For Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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Voor de Republiek Suriname

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For the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

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Voor het Koninkrijk België
Pour le Royaume de Belgique
Für das Königreich Belgien

Deze handtekening verbindt eveneens de Vlaamse Gemeenschap, de Franse Gemeenschap, de Duitstalige Gemeenschap, het Vlaamse Gewest, het Waalse Gewest en het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest.
Cette signature engage également la Communauté française, la Communauté flamande, la Communauté germanophone, la Région wallonne, la Région flamande et la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale.
Diese Unterschrift bindet zugleich die Deutschsprachige Gemeinschaft, die Flämische Gemeinschaft, die Französische Gemeinschaft, die Wallonische Region, die Flämische Region und die Region
Brüssel-Hauptstadt.

За Република България

Za Českou republiku

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Für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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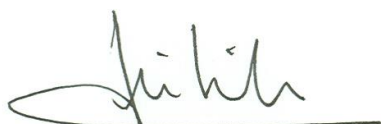
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For Ireland



Για την Ελληνική Δημοκρατία



Por el Reino de España



Pour la République française



Per la Repubblica italiana



Για την Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία,



Latvijas Republikas vārdā



Lietuvos Respublikos vardu



Pour le Grand-Duché de Luxembourg



A Magyar Köztársaság részéről



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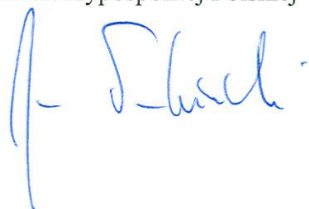
Voor het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden



Für die Republik Österreich



W imieniu Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej



Pela República Portuguesa



Pentru România



Za Republiko Slovenijo



Za Slovenskú republiku



Suomen tasavallan puolesta
För Republiken Finland



För Konungariket Sverige



For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



За Европейската общност
Por la Comunidad Europea
Za Evropské společenství
For Det Europæiske Fællesskab
Für die Europäische Gemeinschaft
Euroopa Ühenduse nimel
Για την Ευρωπαϊκή Κοινότητα
For the European Community
Pour la Communauté européenne
Per la Comunità europea
Eiropas Kopienas vārdā
Europos bendrijos vardu
az Európai Közösség részéről
Għall-Komunità Ewropea
Voor de Europese Gemeenschap
W imieniu Wspólnoty Europejskiej
Pela Comunidade Europeia
Pentru Comunitatea Europeană
Za Európske spoločenstvo
za Evropsko skupnost
Euroopan yhteisön puolesta
På Europeiska gemenskapens vägnar



JOINT DECLARATIONS

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ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Parties recognize the important adjustment challenges that the implementation of this Agreement will pose, in particular to smaller economies among the CARIFORUM States. The Parties agree that an important number of commitments undertaken in this Agreement will require the rapid start of reforms. The Parties also recognize regional infrastructure as an important tool to enable the CARIFORUM States to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by this Agreement.

The Parties reaffirm the importance of ensuring the most efficient use of development finance resources, in order to meet the objectives of this Agreement, to maximize its potential and support its proper implementation, as well as to support the CARICOM Development Vision.

The Parties note the availability of EUR 165 Million for financing the 10th EDF Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme (CRIP) and recall that under the Revised Cotonou Agreement, a successor to the current Financial Protocol will be agreed for the period 2014 – 2020. The Parties further recognize that the funds allocated to the Caribbean Regional Indicative Programme (CRIP) in the 10th EDF are to be complemented by Aid for Trade contributions by Member States of the European Union (EU).

Pursuant to both the EU Aid for Trade Strategy adopted in October 2007 and the funding instruments enumerated in Article 7 of Part I of this Agreement, the Member States of the European Union confirm their intention to ensure that an equitable share of Member States' Aid for Trade commitments will benefit the Caribbean ACP States, including for funding programmes related to the implementation of this Agreement.

The Parties agree on the benefits of regional development mechanisms, including a regional development fund, accessible to all CARIFORUM States, to mobilize and channel Economic Partnership Agreement related development resources from the European Union and other potential donors. In this respect, the European Commission and the Member States of the European Union will consider the necessary arrangements with the CARICOM Development Fund, once established, with a view to providing to the Fund resources to support the execution of programmes related to the implementation of this Agreement, as well as to support related adjustment measures and economic reforms. The EU contribution would complement the contribution that will have been made by the Caribbean States and other donors.

The Parties agree that addressing CARIFORUM's most immediate development cooperation priorities, related to the implementation of this Agreement, would be accorded high priority in the programming of resources, notably, those made available under the 10th EDF.

JOINT DECLARATION
ON BANANAS

The Parties recognize the importance of bananas to the economic development of a number of CARIFORUM countries in terms of employment, foreign exchange and social and political stability.

They similarly recognize that CARIFORUM banana exports to the EU have been helped in the past by a substantial tariff preference and that the maintenance of such preference for as long as possible would increase the benefits resulting from this Agreement.

The CARIFORUM States also consider that the possible reduction of the MFN tariff and the implementation of Free Trade Agreements between the EC Party and certain third countries would pose significant competitive challenges for the banana industry in several CARIFORUM countries.

Within the framework of European Community funding instruments, both Parties will decide on the programming of funds, in complementarity to the actions already funded, and with respect to the still available funds under the Special Framework of Assistance (SFA), to help the CARIFORUM banana industry to further adjust to the new challenges, including activities aimed at increasing the productivity and competitiveness in areas of viable production, the development of alternatives both within and outside the banana industry, addressing social impact arising from changes in the sector and for disaster mitigation.

JOINT DECLARATION
ON USED GOODS

With regard to the controls on the importation of motor vehicles and motorcycles older than five years, and vehicles greater or equal to five tons older than 15 years, pursuant to Dominican Republic Law No 147 of 27 December 2000 the EC Party undertakes not to challenge this law irrespective of the question of its compatibility with the Agreement.

JOINT DECLARATION
ON RICE

The Parties commit to ensuring that the licensing and other arrangements for the administration of the tariff rate quota for rice, referred to in paragraph 2 of Annex II, are kept under detailed review with a view to ensuring that the CARIFORUM rice exporting States obtain the maximum benefits of this Agreement.

JOINT DECLARATION
ON REALLOCATION OF UNDELIVERED QUANTITIES
UNDER THE SUGAR PROTOCOL

The EC Party and the Signatory CARIFORUM States party to the Sugar Protocol shall seek to reallocate until 30 September 2009 any undelivered quantities from such States amongst other CARIFORUM States party to the Sugar Protocol to the extent permitted by Article 7 of the Protocol.

JOINT DECLARATION
RELATING TO PROTOCOL I
ON THE ORIGIN OF FISHERY PRODUCTS

The EC Party acknowledges the right of the coastal CARIFORUM States to the development and rational exploitation of the fishery resources in all waters within their jurisdiction.

The Parties agree that the existing rules of origin have to be examined in order to determine what possible changes may have to be made in the light of the first paragraph.

Conscious of their respective concerns and interests, the CARIFORUM States and the EC Party agree to continue examining the problem posed by the entry, onto EC Party markets, of the fishery products from catches made in zones within the national jurisdiction of the CARIFORUM states, with a view to arriving at a solution satisfactory to both sides. This examination shall take place in the Special Committee on Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation.

JOINT DECLARATION
RELATING TO PROTOCOL I
CONCERNING THE PRINCIPALITY OF ANDORRA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

1. Products originating in the Principality of Andorra falling within Chapters 25 to 97 of the Harmonised System and products originating in the Republic of San Marino shall be accepted by the CARIFORUM States as originating in the European Community within the meaning of this Agreement.
2. Protocol I shall apply *mutatis mutandis* for the purpose of defining the originating status of the abovementioned products.

JOINT DECLARATION
ON THE SIGNING OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Parties acknowledge that the signature of the Economic Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") signals the changing dynamics of the global economy as well as the continuing importance of our cooperation to the realisation of the development objectives of the CARIFORUM States.

As we affix our signature to the Agreement, we emphasise that it must be supportive of the development objectives, policies and priorities of the CARIFORUM States, not only in its structure and content, but also in the manner and spirit of its implementation.

To that end and as indicated in article 4 of the Agreement, its implementation will pay due regard to the integration processes in CARIFORUM, including the aims and objectives of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy as outlined in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. In such implementation, special consideration will be given to reinforcing the regional integration schemes of the CARIFORUM States and ensuring their further sustainable advancement.

We declare our commitment to work closely, within the institutions of the Agreement, to achieve its aims and objectives taking special account of the different levels of development among our countries, notably the needs of the small vulnerable economies, including, in particular, Haiti as a Least Developed Country, as well as those designated as less developed under The Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

We understand that, in the context of our continued monitoring of the Agreement within its institutions, as provided for under article 5 of the Agreement, a comprehensive review of the Agreement shall be undertaken not later than five (5) years after the date of signature and at subsequent five-yearly intervals, in order to determine the impact of the Agreement, including the costs and consequences of implementation and we undertake to amend its provisions and adjust their application as necessary.

- taken note of the following Declaration:

DECLARATION
OF THE CARIFORUM STATES
RELATING TO PROTOCOL I ON THE ORIGIN
OF FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

The CARIFORUM States reaffirm the point of view they expressed throughout the negotiations on rules of origin in respect of fishery products and consequently maintain that following the exercise of their sovereign rights over fishery resources in the waters within their national jurisdiction, including the Exclusive Economic Zone, as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, all catches effected in those waters obligatorily landed in the ports of the CARIFORUM states for processing should enjoy originating status.

JOINT STATEMENT
BY THE SIGNATORY CARIFORUM STATES
AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES,
UPON SIGNATURE OF THE CARIFORUM-EC EPA

The States and the European Community, signatories of the "Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part" (the "Agreement"), take note that the Republic of Haiti and the Republic of Guyana have not signed the Agreement at this stage. Consequently, as a matter of international law, the Republic of Haiti and the Republic of Guyana shall neither be subject to the obligations, nor enjoy the rights, provided for by the Agreement. The signatories look forward to the early signature and provisional application of the Agreement by the Republic of Guyana and the Republic of Haiti.
