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**Caribbean regional seminar on the implementation of the Third International Decade
for the Eradication of Colonialism: goals and expected accomplishments**

**Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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STATEMENT

BY

The Representative of the

Economic Commission for Latin America

And the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Support by ECLAC to Non-Self-Governing Territories: 2010-2011

I. Introduction

1. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is one of the five (5) regional commissions of the United Nations, and is specifically tasked to promote economic and social development and integration of countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean works toward fulfilling this objective in the Sub-region.
2. The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) is a permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC. It functions within the structure of the Commission and promotes development cooperation between Caribbean countries. Non-Self-Governing Territories have associate member status within this body.
3. As of May 2011 six (6) of the sixteen Non-Self-Governing Territories that are Associate Members of ECLAC. These are Anguilla; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Montserrat; Turks and Caicos Islands and United States Virgin Islands.
4. Associate Members can fully participate in the debates at the Sessions of the CDCC or Monitoring Committee Meetings. The CDCC, and other subsidiary organs, such as the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) with its focus on sustainable development, offers Non-Self-Governing Territories the opportunity to bring their issues to the table for consideration.

II. ECLAC Activities, 2010-2011

5. In their capacity as Associate Members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), Non-Self-Governing Territories regularly participate in ECLAC-sponsored activities. Cayman Islands participated in the Third Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism in 2011. The purpose of this meeting is to report on the work of TAC and determine the next work programme. During this specific meeting the preliminary findings of the study on “Measuring the Resilience of Caribbean SIDS” were discussed; the outcome of this meeting will shortly be available.
6. The ECLAC Subregional Headquarters of the Caribbean includes, when available, information on these Territories in recurrent studies and publications, such as the “*Economic Survey of the Caribbean*” and the “*Preliminary Overview of Caribbean Economies*”.

7. Non-recurrent publications, such as recent studies in social development on the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* includes data from and analyses on nearly all Territories. Representatives from Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Montserrat participated in both a meeting and workshop, held in November 2010, on the implementation of the Convention. Another study, currently being finalised, focuses on violence against women and includes data from Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands.

8. The project “Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean (RECCC)” includes studies on tourism, health and transport in Montserrat as well as water in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Representatives of Aruba, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat participated in the High-level Advisory Committee (HLAC) for the project in 2011. This meeting brought together experts and consultants working on RECCC, providing them with the opportunity to report on progress made and to compare thoughts and ideas on climate change in the Caribbean. A workshop on climate change was just completed in British Virgin Islands; another is planned for Aruba in June 2011.

9. During 2010 the Non-Self-Governing Territories of Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands, sent representatives to five (5) ECLAC sponsored meetings and/or workshops (see par. III).

10. Non-Self-Governing Territories have also benefited from technical assessments on socioeconomic impact of disasters, trade integration, vital statistics and tourism sector development conducted by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. Technical assessments are prepared based on requests from Members and Associate Members, Territories are encouraged to request assistance should they require it.

III. Table of Meetings: 2010-2011

Name of Event	Participating Associate Members	Meeting Report
Twenty-third session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), 15 & 17 March 2010, Grenada	Cayman Islands and United States Virgin Islands	LC/CAR/L.257
Five-year Caribbean regional review meeting of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States (MSI+5), 16 & 18 March 2010, Grenada.	Cayman Islands and United States Virgin Islands	LC/CAR/L.258
Meeting on Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Caribbean, 13-14 May 2010, Port of Spain	British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands	LC/CAR/L.262
Subregional Meeting on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Port of Spain, 9 - 10 November 2010 (DESA, ECLAC, UNICEF and UNFPA)	Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat	LC/CAR/L.278
Subregional Workshop on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 11-12 November 2010 (DESA, ECLAC, UNICEF and UNFPA)	Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat	LC/CAR/L.282
Meeting of the High-Level Advisory Committee (HLAC) of the Project: A Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean (RECCC), Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 18-19 November 2010	Aruba, British Virgin Islands and Montserrat	LC/CAR/L.284
Workgroup meeting on Price Statistics, 21-30 March 2011	Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat	

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Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism for the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port of Spain, 13 April 2011	Cayman Islands	LC/CAR/L.292