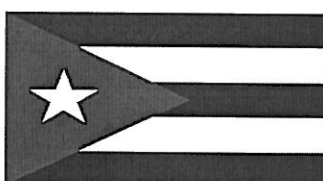
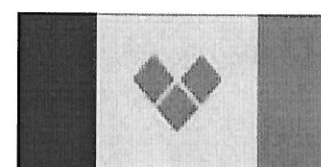
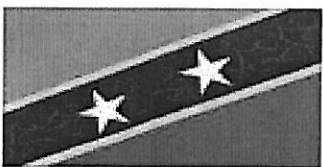
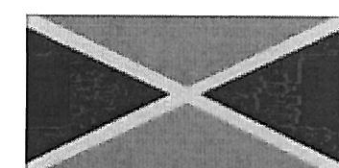
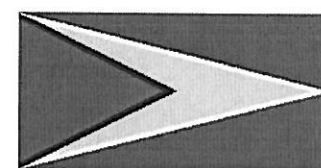
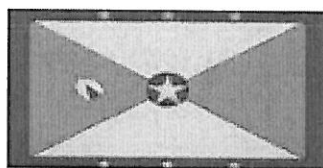
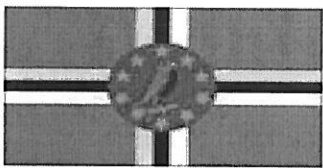
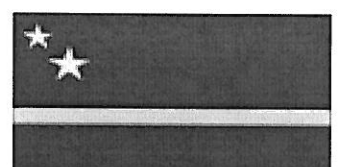
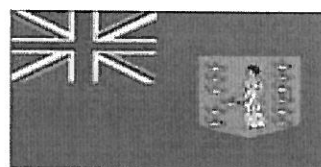
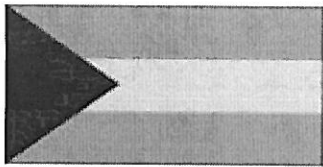




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ST. GEORGE'S DECLARATION

We, the representatives of the participating countries of the Caribbean meeting in St. George's, Grenada from 15 to 17 June 2011 at the first meeting on Building Caribbean Knowledge Societies,

Recognising that policies towards building a knowledge society must take a developmental approach and provide opportunities for all, and facilitate the reduction the digital divide;

Restating our conviction that information and communications technologies are not an end in themselves but an instrument in the quest for a more equitable and sustainable form of human development that paves the way for greater economic growth, better employment conditions and enhanced competitiveness leading to social inclusion,

Reiterating the principles and objectives agreed upon during the first and second phases of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva in December 2003 and in Tunis in November 2005, with a view to channeling the potential of information and communication technologies to promote the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Recognising the existence and agreement of Sub-regional, Regional and International Plans which facilitate the development of Knowledge Societies,

Accepting that information and communication technologies will play a primary role in the development of economies, preservation of culture and heritage, and leading to an enhanced standard of life for our citizens,

Restating the will to build a people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented Knowledge Society where everyone can create, access, utilise and share information and knowledge, enabling individuals, communities and peoples to achieve their full potential in promoting their sustainable development and improving their quality of life,

Conscious of the need to continue to develop Information and Knowledge Societies in the Caribbean,

We commit to implementing the draft plan of action developed at this First Meeting of Caribbean Knowledge Societies for the benefit of the citizens of our countries.

We, the participants, express our sincere gratitude to the Government of Grenada and UNESCO for hosting this meeting and encourage UNESCO to continue to support regional cooperation and development, namely in the framework of the Information for all Programmes.