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The **CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY** (hereinafter called "**CARICOM**") and the **GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA**,

HAVING REGARD to Article 231 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy which provides for Associate Membership of the Community;

RECOGNISING the present constitutional restraints on the capacity of the Government of Bermuda to participate in the decision-making process of CARICOM on matters relating to defence and foreign affairs;

BEARING IN MIND the existing and the possible further involvement of the Government of Bermuda in areas of functional co-operation with CARICOM;

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Government of Bermuda has received the relevant Instrument of Entrustment to enable it to participate as an Associate Member of CARICOM;

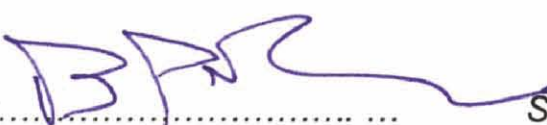
HEREBY AGREE as follows:

Bermuda shall, in accordance with the relevant decision of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM taken at its Thirteenth Inter-Sessional Meeting held in Belize City, Belize, during the period 3-5 February 2002, become an Associate Member of CARICOM subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) the right of attendance by Bermuda as an Observer at Meetings of the Conference of Heads of Government and the Community Council of Ministers;
- (ii) the right of participation (without the right to vote) in the deliberations of the Organs and Subsidiary Bodies of the Community, with the exception of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations, in order to promote the interest of Bermuda in specific programmes and measures, including the right to propose programmes and measures or the modification of programmes and measures as well as to share in the benefits of all CARICOM regional programmes and measures, whether proposed by Bermuda or not. It is mutually agreed and understood that Bermuda will not participate in the discussions relating to Foreign Policy issues in any other Organ of the Community;

- (iii) *accession by Bermuda to the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Caribbean Community, and other relevant Community instruments, and enactment of national legislation necessary for conferring the required status upon the Community in its national jurisdiction;*
- (iv) *acceptance by Bermuda of the Caribbean Community travel document (laissez-passer);*
- (v) *pursuant to the related provisions of the Treaty Establishing the Community as amended, decisions of the concerned Organs and Subsidiary Bodies would continue to be based on the action of the existing full members of the Community;*
- (vi) *the required quorum for meetings of the concerned Community Organs and Subsidiary Bodies would continue to be based on the existing full members of the Community;*
- (vii) *payment of an appropriate contribution to the budget of the CARICOM Secretariat.*

DONE in duplicate at Montego Bay, Jamaica this second day of July, Two Thousand and Three.

Signed:.....

***Chairman of the Conference of
Heads of Government on behalf of
the Caribbean Community***

Signed:.....

Government of Bermuda