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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Caribbean Community (hereinafter called "CARICOM") and the Government of the British Virgin Islands;

HAVING REGARD to Article 30 of the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community which provides for associate membership of the Community;

RECOGNISING the present constitutional restraints on the capacity of the Government of the British Virgin Islands to participate in the decision-making process of the Caribbean Community on matters relating to defence and foreign affairs;

BEARING IN MIND the existing and the possible further involvement of the Government of the British Virgin Islands in areas of functional cooperation with CARICOM;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

The British Virgin Islands shall, in accordance with the decisions of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM taken at its Eleventh Meeting at Kingston, Jamaica, be an Associate Member of CARICOM subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Government of the British Virgin Islands shall be invited to take part in the deliberations of the Conference of Heads of Government in the capacity of Observer.
2. The British Virgin Islands shall be a member of all Institutions of the Community (within the meaning of Article 10 of the Treaty establishing CARICOM) except the Standing Committee of Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs.

The British Virgin Islands shall have the right of participation in the deliberations of the abovementioned Institutions in order to promote the interests of the British Virgin Islands in specific programmes and measures, including the right to propose programmes and measures as well as to share in the benefits of all relevant CARICOM regional programmes and measures whether or not proposed by the British Virgin Islands.

The decisions of the particular Ministerial Standing Committee would continue to be based on the action of the full members of the Community, under the rules of the Community. The required quorum for meetings of the particular Institutions of the Community would continue to be based on the full members of CARICOM.

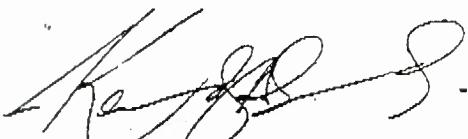
3. The British Virgin Islands shall accede to or accept the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the Caribbean Community and other relevant Community Instruments, and enact national legislation necessary for conferring immunities and privileges on the Community and its officials and other persons entitled thereto within the jurisdiction of the British Virgin Islands.

4. The British Virgin Islands shall accept, as a valid travel document, the laissez-passer issued by the Caribbean Community Secretariat to officials of the Community.

5. The British Virgin Islands shall contribute to the Budget of the Caribbean Community by the payment of annual contributions determined by the Common Market Council.

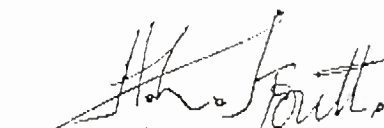
Done in duplicate at Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis this second day of July, 1991.

Signed



Chairman of the Conference
of Heads of Government
On Behalf of the
Caribbean Community

Signed



Chief Minister
On Behalf of
British Virgin Islands