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Excellency,

**Twentieth session of the Monitoring Committee of the
Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)
Virtual Meeting, 4-5 November 2021**

I have the honour to advise that the Twentieth session of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) will be held on Friday 5 November 2021. This session will be preceded on 4 November by a Seminar on Non-Communicable Diseases and their impact on sustainable development in the Caribbean. Both meetings, to be convened virtually, will be chaired by the Hon. Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in his capacity as Chair of the CDCC.

Together, these meetings offer a timely opportunity for the subregion to reflect on the continuing challenge that COVID-19 presents from the perspectives of health, social and economic well-being; challenges exacerbated by the relentless assault of natural disasters on countries of the Caribbean over the past year, further deepening the debt of the subregion and laying bare the inescapable vulnerabilities that member States make every effort to overcome. It is an opportunity for dialogue on the steps that will need to be taken, both with regional partners and the support of the international community, to cope with the ongoing multi-dimensional impact of the pandemic, even as we plan for resilient recovery and a return to dynamic growth through strategic and creative intervention in the coming year.

Your participation in these meetings would be very welcome. You are invited in particular, as Chair of the Commission, to address the opening of the Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC on Friday 5 November, and to participate in the high-level dialogue on supporting recovery in the Caribbean through regional solidarity and integration. The provisional agendas for both meetings and the concept note for the Seminar on NCDs are attached for your information. Further documentation will follow shortly. I would be grateful if you advise us of the delegation that will accompany you to these meetings, by email response to Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean at Diane.Quarless@eclac.org, with copy to Sita.Inglefield@eclac.org and Aurelie.Quiatol@eclac.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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