

## **Intervention of the Director of Transport and Natural Disasters of the ACS, Luis Carpio, at the Closing Ceremony of the ACS High Level Conference on Disaster Reduction**

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### **Delegates**

As an international functionary in the service of the Association of Caribbean States, it is a great honour to work for an organization capable of bringing together such a gathering in this Conference.

The Delegations can congratulate themselves on the final fruits of this meeting, the product of a great mystique and expertise, as well as the flexibility which should always be the norm among brothers.

The Plan of Action that they have approved at the end of their deliberations is, really, only the beginning of a long road to be followed. The good thing is that, by approving the document, they have decided to walk together.

The Plan fulfils the mandate of connecting the ACS with the international debate and it allows us to join with our partners in development, in a more coherent manner, facilitating moreover the mobilization of resources.

In highlighting again the work of the Technical Group of the Conference, I wish to underline especially the active participation of the Delegation of CDERA.

In these three days of the Conference, we have once again demonstrated to those who think that, in our small, semi-enclosed sea, the ACS and organizations such as CDERA and CEPREDENAC can only compete, big surprises await them.

Thank you.