

# **DRAFT AGREEMENT TO ENDORSE THE INITIATIVES OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA COMMISSION**

**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**19<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**  
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**Agreement No.11/14**

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THE CARIBBEAN SEA COMMISSION**

**The Ministerial Council,**

**Cognizant:**

Of the Convention Establishing the Association of the Caribbean States, in particular, Article III (i) (b) and (c), Article III (ii) (d), (e) and (f) and Articles V and XV (a) and (f);

**Mindful:**

Of the Summit Declaration by the Heads of State and Government particularly the Fourth Summit held in Panama City, Panama in which the Caribbean Sea Initiative was proposed as a permanent item on the work of the agenda of the Ministerial Council; and the Declaration of Pétion Ville agreed at the Fifth Summit in April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, in which the decision was taken to continue to support the efforts of the ACS in developing and implementing regional initiatives for the protection and preservation of the Caribbean Sea;

**Considering:**

Agreement No. 6/06, which established the Caribbean Sea Commission for the purpose of the implementation of the Caribbean Sea Initiative;

**Also mindful of:**

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/Res/67/205 entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" agreed at the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2013;

**Recognising and commending:**

The efforts of ACS partner countries and institutions that have already given generously to the work of the Commission and that continue to monitor its work and progress, with a view to lending further assistance and encouraging other stakeholders to support the work and activities of the Commission;

**Noting with appreciation:**

The considerations of the outcomes of the Third Joint CARICOM-SICA Summit, held on August 19, 2011 in El Salvador and in particular the agreement of the meeting to recognize the significance of the Caribbean Sea as an important resource for the economic development, livelihood and future well-being of the people of the two sub-regions, and agreement to continue to support the efforts of the ACS in developing and implementing regional initiatives for the protection and preservation of this patrimony;

**Appreciative:**

Of the efforts of the Prime Minister of Barbados, the Honourable Freundel Stuart, Q.C. M.P, at the level of the United Nations Secretary-General's High Level Panel on Global Sustainability, on which he is a member.

**Also appreciative:**

Of the key role played by the University of the West Indies in support of the work of the Commission, the pivotal role of its experts in advancing the Commission's work and the conclusion of the ACS-UWI Network to further advance the Commission's work;

**Recognising:**

The leadership of Costa Rica in its role as Chairman of the Caribbean Sea Commission since 2013;

**Acknowledging:**

The contribution of the Republic of Turkey to the resources of the Commission;

**Bearing in mind:**

The centrality of the Caribbean Sea to the concept of the Greater Caribbean region, the activities of the ACS and the need to create synergies between the work of the Commission and that of the other focal areas of the ACS;

**Noting:**

The decisions and recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Caribbean Sea Commission held on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2013;

**AGREES:**

1. **To Endorse** the conclusions and recommendations of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Caribbean Sea Commission which include: the agreement to recruit a consultant to address the issues related to the designation of the Caribbean Sea as a Special Area; and the decision to host a symposium on the operation and role of the Caribbean Sea Commission;
2. **To urge** Member States, Associates, Observers and Donor countries to continue to give their support to the ongoing activities of the Caribbean Sea Commission;
3. **To support** the elaboration and completion of the report of the Secretary General of the ACS to the 69<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly in keeping with the request by the United Nations General Assembly at its 67<sup>th</sup> session in respect of progress to implement resolution 67/205 entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations".