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Conference on the Caribbean – A 20/20 Vision Washington D.C.

In June 2007, the Government of the United States of America, in collaboration with Caribbean Community (CARICOM), will be hosting a Conference on the Caribbean at which all 15 CARICOM Heads of States/Government will attend.

The Conference on the Caribbean will take place against the backdrop of the recent coming into being of the CARICOM Single Market in 2006 and the positive efforts towards the creation of the framework for the Single Economy by 2008.

This Conference is being structured in such a way that there is Government to Government and people to people interaction as well as interaction between the Governments and the people. This will be the first time the policy makers, the international financial institutions, academic community, private sector, and people of the Caribbean and the United States will interface in one Conference to examine the growth and development of the Caribbean Community from a regional perspective. It is expected that by the end of the Conference the following major objectives would be achieved:

- The strengthening of the relationship between the United States and CARICOM by addressing the priority areas for the Caribbean's future growth and development including issues related to trade, competitiveness and investment in mutually beneficial and reinforcing ways.
- The deepening and broadening of the dialogue between the Governments and People of CARICOM and the Government and People of the United States of America aimed at renewing the appreciation of U.S. and Caribbean policy makers of their shared future.
- The strengthening of the relationship among the different Caribbean Diaspora communities in the United States as well as examining mutually rewarding mechanisms for harnessing their skills in support of the Region's development.
- The enhancement of the image of the Caribbean in the United States.

Please save the dates June 19-21, 2007 and plan to join us in Washington D.C. for this very important and historic conference. We look forward to seeing you at the Conference and to your active participation as we reaffirm our Caribbean 20/20 vision.

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