

Protocol Amending the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community

Protocol II : Establishment, Services, Capital

**Final Update approved by Mr. Duke Pollard for Signature in Montego Bay, Jamaica
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The States Parties to the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community (hereinafter referred to as " the Member States"):

Recalling the Declaration of Grand Anse and other decisions of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community expressing their commitment to the deepening of the regional economic integration process;

Conscious of the need to promote in the Caribbean Community the highest level of efficiency in the production of goods and services especially with a view to maximising foreign exchange earnings on the basis of international competitiveness, attaining food security, achieving structural diversification and improving the standard of living of their peoples;

Recognising that optimal production by economic enterprises in the Community requires the structured integration of production in the Region, and particularly the unrestricted movement of capital, labour and technology;

Determined to establish conditions which would facilitate access by their nationals to the collective resources of the Region on a non-discriminatory basis;

Desirous of achieving sustained expansion and continuing integration of economic activities, the benefits of which shall be equitably shared taking into account the need to provide special opportunities for disadvantaged countries;

Conscious of the special needs and circumstances of the Less Developed Countries;

Have Agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I : Use of Terms

In this Protocol unless the context otherwise requires:

"**Community**" includes the Caribbean Single Market and Economy to be established by

the Protocols amending or replacing the Caribbean Common Market Annex to the Treaty;

"The Community Council of Ministers" means the organ of the Community so named in Article 8(1) of the Treaty, (hereinafter referred to as "the Community Council");

"Conference" means the Conference of Heads of Government of the Community;

"The Committee of Central Bank Governors" means the Body of the Community so named in Article 10(3) of the Treaty;

"The Council for Finance and Planning" means the organ of the Community so named in Article 6(2)(d) of the Treaty ;

"The Council for Human and Social Development" means the organ of the Community so named in Article 6(2)(c) of the Treaty ;

"The Council for Trade and Economic Development" means the organ of the Community so named in Article 6(2)(a) of the Treaty ;

"Member State" means a Member State of the Community;

"Treaty" means the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community signed at Chaguaramas on the 4th day of July 1973 and includes any amendments thereto which take effect either provisionally or definitively (hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty").

ARTICLE II : Amendment

The provisions of this Protocol shall replace Articles 28, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 43 of the Caribbean Common Market Annex to the Treaty and take effect as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE III :

Replace the title to **Chapter V** of the Caribbean Common Market Annex with the following:

CHAPTER V

Rights of Establishment, Provision of Services

and Movement of Capital

ARTICLE IV :

Replace Article 35 of the Caribbean Common Market Annex with the following:

ARTICLE 35

Scope of Application

1. Save as otherwise provided in this Article and Article 35a, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the right of establishment, the right to provide services and the right to move capital in the Community.
2. Activities in a Member State involving the exercise of governmental authority shall, in so far as that Member State is concerned, be excluded from the operation of this Chapter.
3. For the purposes of this Chapter, "activities involving the exercise of governmental authority" means activities conducted neither on a commercial basis nor in competition with one or more economic enterprises, and includes:
 - a. activities conducted by a central bank or monetary authority or any other public entity, in pursuit of monetary or exchange rate policies;
 - b. activities forming part of a statutory system of social security or public retirement plans;
 - c. activities forming part of a system of national security or for the establishment or maintenance of public order; and
 - d. other activities conducted by a public entity for the account of or with the guarantee or using financial resources of the government.

ARTICLE 35a

Treatment of Monopolies

1. Member States may determine that the public interest requires the exclusion or restriction of the right of establishment in any industry or in a particular sector of an industry.
2. Where such a determination has been made:
 - a. if the determination results in the continuation or establishment of a government monopoly, the Member State shall adopt appropriate measures to ensure that the monopoly does not discriminate between nationals of Member States, save as otherwise provided in this Treaty, and is subject to the agreed rules of competition established for Community economic enterprises;
 - b. if the determination results in the establishment of a private sector monopoly, the Member State shall, subject to the provisions of this Treaty, adopt appropriate measures to ensure that national treatment is accorded to nationals of other Member States in terms of participating in its operations.

ARTICLE 35b

Prohibition of New Restrictions on the Right of Establishment

1. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall not introduce in their territories any new restrictions relating to the right of establishment of nationals of other Member States save as otherwise provided in this Treaty.
2. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall notify the Council for Trade and Economic Development of existing restrictions on the right of establishment in respect of nationals of other Member States.
3. (1) The right of establishment within the meaning of this Chapter shall include the right to:
 - a. engage in any non-wage-earning activities of a commercial, industrial, professional or artisanal nature;
 - b. create and manage economic enterprises referred to in paragraph 5
 - c. of this Article.
4. For the purposes of this Chapter "non-wage earning activities" means activities undertaken by self-employed persons.
5. The Community Council may, with the approval of the Conference and upon the recommendation of the Council for Trade and Economic Development or the Council for Finance and Planning, as the case may be, enlarge the body of rights provided in paragraph 3 of this Article. The competent Organ shall establish basic criteria for Member States in order to safeguard against manipulation or abuse of such rights so as to gain an unfair advantage against other Member States, for example, in the areas of nationality criteria and in the operation of companies.
6. For the purposes of this Chapter:
 - a. a person shall be regarded as a national of a Member State if such person:
 - i. is a citizen of that State;
 - ii. has a connection with that State of a kind which entitles him to be regarded as belonging to or, if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of the State for the purposes of the laws thereof relating to immigration; or
 - iii. is a company or other legal entity constituted in the Member State in conformity with the laws thereof and which that State regards as belonging to it, provided that such company or other legal entity has been formed for gainful purposes and has its registered office and central administration, and carries on substantial activity, within the Community and which is substantially owned and effectively controlled by persons mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph.
 - b. "economic enterprises" includes any type of organisation for the production of or trade in goods or the provision of services (other than a non-profit organisation) owned or controlled by any person or entity mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph.
 - c. a company or other legal entity is:
 - i. substantially owned if more than 50 per cent of the equity interest therein is beneficially owned by nationals mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) (i) or (ii) of this paragraph;

- ii. effectively controlled if nationals mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph have the power to name a majority of its directors or otherwise legally to direct its actions.

ARTICLE 35c

Removal of Restrictions on the Right of Establishment

4. Subject to the provisions of Article 38a and Article 38b, Member States shall remove restrictions on the right of establishment of nationals of a Member State in the territory of another Member State.
5. The removal of restrictions on the right of establishment mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to restrictions on the setting up of agencies, branches or subsidiaries by nationals of a Member State in the territory of another Member State.
6. Subject to the approval of the Conference, the Council for Trade and Economic Development, in consultation with the Council on Human and Social Development and the Council for Finance and Planning, shall, within one year from the entry into force of this Protocol, establish a programme providing for the removal of restrictions on the right of establishment of nationals of a Member State in the territory of another Member State. The programme shall, *inter alia*:
 - a. identify the activities in respect of which the right of establishment shall not apply;
 - b. establish the conditions under which the right of establishment is to be achieved; and
 - (c) set out the conditions, stages and time-frames for the removal of restrictions on the right of establishment.
 - c. The Community Council may authorise a Member State whose nationals have been aggrieved by the violation of obligations set out in this Article, Article 35b, Article 36 and Article 36a to take such measures as may be provided for in this Treaty.

ARTICLE 35d

Management of Removal of Restrictions on the Right of Establishment

In performing its tasks set out in Article 35c, the Council for Trade and Economic Development shall, *inter alia*:

- g. accord priority to the removal of restrictions on activities in respect of which the right of establishment encourages the development of:
 - . the production or trade in goods;
 - i. the provision of services,

which generate foreign exchange earnings;

- h. require Member States to remove administrative practices and procedures, the maintenance of which impede the exercise of the right of establishment;
- i. require Member States to remove all restrictions on the movement of managerial, technical and supervisory staff of economic enterprises and on establishing agencies, branches and subsidiaries of companies and other entities established in the Community;

(d) establish measures to ensure the removal of restrictions on the right of establishment in respect of activities accorded priority treatment pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Article as they relate to:

- . the establishment, in the territories of Member States, of agencies, branches or subsidiaries belonging to an economic enterprise; and
- i. conditions governing the entry of managerial, technical or supervisory personnel employed in such agencies, branches and subsidiaries, including the spouses and immediate dependent family members of such personnel;
- ii. take appropriate measures to ensure close collaboration among competent national authorities in order to improve their knowledge of the particular situation regarding the relevant activities within the Community;
- iii. require Member States to ensure that nationals of one Member State may have access to land, buildings and other property situated in the territory of another Member State, other than for speculative purposes or for a purpose potentially destabilising to the economy, on a non-discriminatory basis, bearing in mind the importance of agriculture for many national economies;
- iv. ensure concordance in Member States regarding the protection afforded the interests of partners, members and other persons with financial interests in companies and other entities.

ARTICLE 35e

Acceptance of Diplomas, Certificates, and other Evidence of Qualifications

10. The Council for Human and Social Development, in consultation with the competent Organ, shall establish common standards and measures for accreditation or when necessary for the mutual recognition of diplomas, certificates and other evidence of qualifications of the nationals of Member States in order to facilitate access to, and engagement in, non-wage-earning activities in the Community.

11. Member States shall establish or employ, as the case may be, appropriate mechanisms to establish common standards to determine equivalency or accord accreditation to diplomas, certificates and other evidence of qualifications secured by nationals of other Member States.
12. The Council for Human and Social Development shall also establish measures for the coordination of legislative and administrative requirements of Member States for the conduct of non-wage-earning activities in the Community.

ARTICLE V :

Replace Article 36 of the Caribbean Common Market Annex with the following:

ARTICLE 36

Prohibition of New Restrictions on the Provision of Services

13. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall not introduce any new restrictions on the provision of services in the Community by nationals of other Member States except as otherwise provided in this Treaty.
14. Without prejudice to the provisions relating to the right of establishment, persons providing services may, in order to provide such services, temporarily engage in approved activities in the Member State where the services are to be provided under the same conditions enjoyed by nationals of that Member State.
15. Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall notify the Council for Trade and Economic Development of existing restrictions on the provision of services in respect of nationals of other Member States.
16. For the purposes of this Chapter, "services" means services provided against remuneration other than wages in any approved sector and "the provision of services" means the supply of services:
 - . from the territory of one Member State into the territory of another Member State;
 - a. in the territory of one Member State to the service consumer of another Member State;
 - b. by a service supplier of one Member State through commercial presence in the territory of another Member State; and
 - c. by a service supplier of one Member State through the presence of natural persons of a Member State in the territory of another Member State.

ARTICLE 36a

Removal of Restrictions on the Provision of Services

17. Subject to the provisions of this Treaty, Member States shall remove discriminatory restrictions on the provision of services within the Community in respect of Community nationals.
18. Subject to the approval of the Conference, the Council for Trade and Economic Development, in consultation with other competent Organs, shall, within one year from the entry into force of this Protocol, establish a programme for the removal of restrictions on the provision of such services in the Community by Community nationals.
19. In establishing the programme mentioned in paragraph 2 of this Article, the Council for Trade and Economic Development shall:
 - . accord priority to services which directly affect production costs or facilitate the trade in goods and services which generate foreign exchange earnings;
 - a. require Member States to remove administrative practices and procedures, the maintenance of which impede the exercise of the right to provide services;
 - b. establish measures to ensure the removal of restrictions on the right to provide services in respect of activities accorded priority treatment in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, both in terms of conditions for the provision of services in the territories of Member States as well as the conditions governing the entry of personnel, including their spouses and immediate dependent family members, for the provision of services;
 - c. take appropriate measures to ensure close collaboration among competent national authorities in order to improve their knowledge of the conditions regarding relevant activities within the Community, and
 - d. require Member States to ensure that nationals of one Member State have on a non-discriminatory basis, access to land, buildings and other property situated in the territory of another Member State for purposes directly related to the provision of services, bearing in mind the importance of agriculture for many national economies.

ARTICLE 36b Banking, Insurance and Other Financial Services

20. Subject to the provisions of this Chapter, Member States shall remove discriminatory restrictions in respect of Community nationals, on banking, insurance and other financial services.
21. Subject to the approval of the Conference, the Council for Finance and Planning, in consultation with other competent Organs of the Community, may exclude certain financial services from the operation of the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE VI :

Replace Articles 37 and 43 of the Caribbean Common Market Annex with the following:

ARTICLE 37

Prohibition of New Restrictions on Movement of Capital and Current Transactions

Upon the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall not introduce any new restrictions on the movement of capital and payments connected with such movement and on current payments and transfers, nor render more restrictive existing regulations except as provided in Article 37c (*bis*) and Article 38a.

ARTICLE 37a

Removal of Restrictions on Movement of Capital and Current Transactions

1. After the entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall, in order to ensure the proper functioning of the Single Market and Economy, remove among themselves:
 - a. restrictions on the movement of capital payments;
 - b. restrictions on all current payments including payments for goods and services and other current transfers.
2. The Council for Finance and Planning shall, subject to the approval of the Conference, establish in collaboration with the Committee of Central Bank Governors a programme for the removal of the restrictions mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. For the purpose of this Article, capital and related payments and transfers include:
 - a. equity and portfolio investments;
 - b. short-term bank and credit transactions;
 - c. payment of interest on loans and amortization;
 - d. dividends and other income on investments after taxes;
 - e. repatriation of proceeds from the sale of assets; and
 - f. other transfers and payments relating to investment flows.

ARTICLE 37b

Authorisation to Facilitate Movement of Capital

1. Upon entry into force of this Protocol, Member States shall, where necessary and subject to paragraph 2 of this Article, grant the authorisations required for the movement of capital mentioned in Article 37a on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. A loan intended for State purposes may require prior notification to the State in which it is being issued or placed.

ARTICLE 37c

Coordination of Foreign Exchange Policies and Exchange of Information

1. Member States shall take such measures as are necessary to coordinate their foreign

exchange policies in respect of the movement of capital between them and third States.

2. Member States shall keep the competent authorities in other Member States informed of significant unusual movements of capital within their knowledge to and from third States.

ARTICLE VII :

Replace Article 28 of the Caribbean Common Market Annex with the following:

ARTICLE 37c (bis)

Restrictions to Safeguard Balance-of-Payments

1. In the event of serious balance-of-payments and external financial difficulties or threat thereof, a Member State may, consistent with its international obligations and subject to paragraph 5 of this Article, adopt or maintain restrictions to address such difficulties.
2. The restrictions which may be adopted or maintained pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article may include quantitative restrictions on imports, restrictions on the right of establishment, restrictions on the right to provide services, restrictions on the right to move capital or on payments and transfers for transactions connected therewith. However, such restrictions:
 - a. shall, subject to the provisions of this Treaty, not discriminate among Member States or against Member States in favour of third States;
 - b. shall at all times seek to minimise damage to the commercial, economic or financial interests of any other Member State;
 - c. shall not exceed those necessary to deal with the circumstances described in paragraph 1 of this Article; and
 - d. shall be temporary but in any event not longer than a period of eighteen (18) months and be phased out progressively as the situation described in paragraph 1 improves.
3. In determining the incidence of such restrictions, the Member State concerned may accord priority to activities which are essential to its economic stability. Such restrictions shall not be adopted or maintained for the purpose of protecting a particular sector in contravention of the relevant provisions of this Treaty, due regard being paid in either case to any special factors which may be affecting the reserves of such Member State or its need for reserves.
4. Restrictions adopted or maintained pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, or any changes therein, shall be notified within three (3) working days to the Council for Finance and Planning and to the Council for Trade and Economic Development, and, in any event, the Member State concerned shall immediately consult with the competent Organ if and when requested.
5. The Council for Finance and Planning shall establish procedures for periodic consultations including, where possible and desirable, prior consultations with the objective of making recommendations to the Member State concerned for the

removal of the restrictions.

6. The consultations referred to in paragraph 5 of this Article shall:
 - a. be designed to assist the Member State concerned to overcome its balance-of-payments and external financial difficulties;
 - b. assess the balance-of-payments situation of the Member State concerned and the restrictions adopted or maintained under this Article, taking into account, *inter alia*:
 - i. the nature and extent of the balance-of-payments and the external financial difficulties;
 - ii. the external economic and trading environment of the Member State applying the restrictions; and
 - iii. alternative corrective measures which may be available.

- The consultations shall address the compliance of any restrictions with paragraph 2 of this Article and, in particular, the progressive phase-out of restrictions in accordance with paragraph 2(d).
- In such consultations, all findings of statistical and other facts presented by the Committee of Central Bank Governors relating to foreign exchange, monetary reserves and balance-of-payments, shall be accepted and conclusions shall be based on the assessment by the Committee of the balance-of-payments and the external financial situation of the Member State concerned.

ARTICLE VIII :

ARTICLE 38

Non-Discrimination

1. Within the scope of application of this Treaty and without prejudice to any special provisions contained therein, any discrimination on grounds of nationality only shall be prohibited.
2. The Community Council shall, after consultation with the competent Organs, establish rules to prohibit any such discrimination.

ARTICLE 38 (bis)

Measures to Facilitate Establishment, Provision of Services and Movement of Capital

1. In order to facilitate the exercise of the rights provided for in this Chapter, the Council for Trade and Economic Development and the Council for Finance and Planning shall, subject to the approval of the Conference, adopt appropriate measures for:
 - a. the establishment of market intelligence and information systems in the

- Community;
- b. harmonised legal and administrative requirements for the operation of partnerships, companies, or other entities;
 - c. abolition of exchange controls in the Community, and free convertibility of the currencies of Member States;
 - d. the establishment of an integrated capital market in the Community;
 - e. convergence of macro-economic performance and policies through the co-ordination or harmonisation of monetary and fiscal policies, including, in particular, policies relating to interest rates, exchange rates, tax structures and national budgetary deficits;
 - f. the establishment of economical and efficient land, sea and air transport services throughout the Community, and
 - g. the establishment of efficient communication services.
2. The Council for Finance and Planning and the Council for Trade and Economic Development shall establish a comprehensive set of rules in respect of the areas listed in paragraph 1 of this Article for approval by the Conference.

ARTICLE 38a

Restrictions to Resolve Difficulties or Hardships Arising from the Exercise of Rights

1. Where the exercise of rights granted under this Chapter creates serious difficulties in any sector of the economy of a Member State or occasions economic hardships in a region of the Community, a Member State adversely affected thereby may, subject to the provisions of this Article, apply such restrictions on the exercise of the rights as it considers appropriate in order to resolve the difficulties or alleviate the hardships.
2. Where a Member State:
 - a. intends to apply restrictions in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, it shall, prior to applying those restrictions, notify the competent Organ of that intention and the nature of the restrictions;
 - b. is unable to comply with sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, it shall, upon applying the restrictions in accordance with paragraph 1, immediately notify the competent Organ of the application and nature of the restrictions.
3. The Member State shall, at the time of application of the restrictions mentioned in paragraph 1, submit to the Council for Trade and Economic Development or the Council for Finance and Planning, as the case may require, a programme setting out the measures to be taken by that Member State to resolve the difficulties or to alleviate the hardships.
4. The competent Organ shall give its earliest consideration to the programme, and:
 - a. make a determination in respect of the appropriateness of the restrictions and whether they shall be continued ; and
 - b. where it decides that the restrictions shall be continued, determine:
 - i. the adequacy of the programme; and
 - ii. the period for which the restrictions should continue.

The competent Organ, in making a determination under sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, may impose such conditions as it considers necessary.

- Restrictions applied by a Member State pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article shall be confined to those necessary:
 - a. to resolve the difficulties in affected sectors;
 - b. to alleviate economic hardships in a particular region;
 - c. to minimise damage to the commercial or economic interests of any other Member State; or
 - d. to prevent the unreasonable exercise of rights granted under this Chapter, the exclusion of which could impair the development of the Single Market and Economy.

- Member States, in applying restrictions pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Article, shall not discriminate and:
 - a. shall progressively relax them as relevant conditions improve;
 - b. may maintain them only to the extent that conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article continue to justify their application.

- If the Council for Trade and Economic Development is not satisfied that Member States applying restrictions are acting in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Article, it may recommend to Member States adversely affected thereby alternative arrangements to the same end.

ARTICLE 38b

Waiver of Obligations to Grant Rights

1. Notwithstanding any provision in this Chapter, a Member State may apply to the Community Council for a waiver of the requirement to grant any of the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article 35 in respect of any industry, sector or enterprise.
2. An application for a waiver within the meaning of paragraph 1 of this Article shall:
 - a. be made prior to the establishment of the relevant programme for the removal of restrictions on the rights mentioned in paragraph 1;
 - b. identify the rights in respect of which the waiver is required;
 - c. set out the circumstances justifying the grant of the waiver; and
 - d. indicate the period for which the waiver is required.
3. The Community Council may require the applicant to furnish such additional information as the Council may specify.
4. Where the Community Council is satisfied that the waiver should be granted, it shall grant a waiver for a period not exceeding five years, subject to such terms and conditions as the Community Council may determine.
5. A Member State which has been granted a waiver within the meaning of

paragraph 1 of this Article:

- a. shall not, while the waiver is in force, be entitled to espouse a claim on behalf of its nationals against another Member State in respect of the rights for which the waiver was granted;
- b. shall:
 - i. at the termination of the period of the waiver, remove the restrictions and notify the Community Council; or
 - ii. where the Member State removes the restrictions before the end of the period of the waiver, notify the Community Council accordingly.

ARTICLE 38b (bis)

General Exceptions

1. Subject to the requirement that such measures are not applied in a manner which would constitute a means of arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination between Member States where like conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on the rights provided for in this Treaty, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as preventing the adoption or enforcement by any Member State of measures necessary:
 - a. to protect public morals or to maintain public order and safety;
 - b. to protect human, animal or plant life or health;
 - c. to secure compliance with laws or regulations which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Treaty including those relating to:
 - i. the prevention of deceptive and fraudulent practices, and the effects of a default on contracts;
 - ii. the protection of the privacy of individuals in relation to the processing and dissemination of personal data and the protection of confidentiality of individual records and accounts; and
 - d. to give effect to international obligations including treaties on the avoidance of double taxation.
2. The Community Council shall take appropriate measures to co-ordinate applicable legislation, regulations and administrative practices established in accordance with Article 38 (bis).

ARTICLE 38b (ter)

Security Exceptions

Nothing in this Treaty shall be construed:

- a. as requiring any Member State to furnish information, the disclosure of which it considers contrary to its essential security interests;

- b. as preventing any Member State from taking any action which it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests:
 - i. relating to the supply of services carried out directly or indirectly for the purpose of provisioning a military establishment;
 - ii. in time of war or other emergency in international relations;or
- as preventing any Member State from taking any action in pursuance of its obligations for the maintenance of international peace and security.

ARTICLE 38c

Special Provisions for Less Developed Countries

Where in this Chapter, Member States or competent Organs are required to remove restrictions on the exercise of the rights mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article 35 the special needs and circumstances of the Less Developed Countries shall be taken into account.

ARTICLE 38d

Implementation

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as precluding Member States from adopting measures to remove restrictions on the right of establishment, the right to provide services or the right to move capital within the Community earlier than is required by these provisions.

ARTICLE IX :

Signature

This Protocol shall be open for signature on the day of July 1997 by any State mentioned in paragraph 1(a) of Article 2 of the Treaty and Suriname.

ARTICLE X :

Ratification

This Protocol shall be subject to ratification by signatory States in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures. Instruments shall be deposited with the Secretariat which shall transmit certified copies to the Government of each Member State.

ARTICLE XI :

Entry Into Force

This Protocol shall enter into force one month after the date on which the last instrument of ratification by the States mentioned in **Article IX** is deposited with the Secretariat.

ARTICLE XII :

Accession

Any State of the Caribbean Region may, with the approval of the Conference, accede to this Protocol. Instruments of accession shall take effect on the day next following the date of their deposit with the Secretariat which shall transmit certified copies thereof to the Government of each Member State.

ARTICLE XIII :

Provisional Application

1. The States mentioned in **Article IX** may, upon signature or at any later date before this Protocol enters into force, declare their intention to apply it provisionally.
2. Upon such declaration, the provisions of this Protocol shall be applied provisionally pending its entry into force in accordance with **Article XI**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned duly authorised in that behalf by their respective Governments have executed this Protocol and hereby declare their intention to apply it provisionally.

DONE at Montego Bay, Jamaica on the day of July 1997

NOTE: (Signatures to follow hereafter).

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