

# **MATRIX OF ACS LEGAL AGREEMENTS**

## **ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

### **25<sup>th</sup> INTERSESSIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ACS MINISTERIAL COUNCIL**

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(Virtual Meeting)

18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

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	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature	Ratification	Signature		Signature	Ratification
<b>CARICOM</b>												
Antigua and Barbuda	24/07/94	<sup>2</sup> d-o-d 12/06/95	17/04/99				12/12/01					
Bahamas	24/07/94	24/05/95  d-o-d 29/06/95	17/04/99				12/12/01	d-o-d 4/07/07				
Barbados	24/07/94	19/04/95  d-o-d 28/04/95	17/04/99				12/12/01	d-o-d 7/10/13	12/02/04	12/02/04		d-o-d 26/11/04
Belize	24/07/94	10/04/95  d-o-d 06/06/95	17/04/99	14/5/01  d-o-d 19/06/01	19/06/01		12/12/01			15/12/04		15/03/05  d-o-d 28/07/05

<sup>1</sup> For the Protocol to enter into force it has to be signed by fifteen (15) Parties to the Convention. Of the present signatories (13), only seven (7) are actual parties to the Convention. The Protocol then does not need to be ratified.

<sup>2</sup> d-o-d means the Date of Deposit of the Instrument of Ratification.

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Grenada	24/07/94	01/03/95  d-o-d 27/03/95	17/04/99	26/03/14  d-o-d 28/03/14	13/12/99 <sup>3</sup>		12/12/01	7/8/02  d-o-d 22/8/02				
Guyana	24/07/94	01/03/95  d-o-d 04/04/95	17/04/99	27/03/14  d-o-d 10/04/14			12/12/01	19/12/13  d-o-d 31/01/14				
Haiti	24/07/94	3/12/98  d-o-d 07/12/98	17/04/99	6/4/09  d-o-d 13/07/09	13/12/99		12/12/01		12/2/04	12/02/04	6/4/09  d-o-d 13/07/09	
Jamaica	24/07/94	20/09/94  d-o-d 14/10/94	17/04/99		08/08/07	26/11/07  d-o-d 12/2/08	12/12/01		27/07/04	27/07/04	21/07/05  d-o-d 28/07/05	

<sup>3</sup> Grenada signed the Protocol subject to confirmation. The Instrument confirming its Signature was deposited on April 26, 2000.

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St. Kitts and Nevis		03/02/95  d-o-d 03/03/95		08/05/01  d-o-d 06/6/01								
	24/07/94		17/04/99				12/12/01					
St. Lucia	24/07/94	07/03/95  d-o-d 04/04/95	17/04/99	01/04/14			28/7/05		12/02/04			
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		03/05/95  d-o-d 06/06/95		10/9/09  d-o-d 30/9/09 <sup>4</sup>								
	24/07/94		17/04/99				12/12/01	5				
Suriname	24/07/94	20/07/95  d-o-d 25/07/95	17/04/99	10/8/07  d-o-d 26/10/07	22/01/10		12/12/01		12/02/04	12/02/04	16/4/08  d-o-d 22/07/08	
Trinidad and Tobago		05/09/94  d-o-d 21/9/94				21/7/06  d-o-d 08/08/06		26/10/06  d-o-d 13/11/06				
	24/07/94		17/04/99		15/09/00		27/07/04		27/07/04	27/07/04		

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines has ratified the Agreement for Regional Cooperation on Natural Disasters. The instrument confirming its ratification was deposited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of St. Vincent on the 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. The Secretariat of the ACS has not received the formal legal instrument of Ratification but awaits confirmation of the ratification from Colombia. The Agreement requires the ratification of 17 member states to enter into force and at present 15 states have ratified the Agreement.

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The Secretary General received the diplomatic note No. 83/2009 with Ref. FACT/ 350 (1-4) dated March 04<sup>th</sup> 2009, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade of St.Vincent & the Grenadines which has given approval for the signature and ratification of the (STZC).

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GROUP OF THREE												
Colombia	24/07/94	30/8/96  d-o-d 02/10/96	17/04/99		13/12/99 <sup>6</sup>	d-o-d 08/01/03	12/12/01					
Mexico	24/07/94	6/3/95  d-o-d 28/04/95	17/04/99	d-o-d 21/02/01	30/08/00 <sup>7</sup>	03/07/02	12/12/01	d-o-d 11/11/03	12/02/04			
Venezuela	24/07/94	21/07/95  d-o-d 02/08/95	17/04/99	2/4/02  d-o-d 26/06/02	13/12/99	2/4/02  d-o-d 26/06/02	12/12/01	d-o-d 17/06/13		12/02/04	5/9/07  d-o-d 24/10/07	
CENTRAL AMERICA												
Costa Rica	24/07/94	14/01/99  d-o-d 17/02/99	17/04/99	20/12/10  d-o-d 01/03/11	13/12/99		12/12/01	28/1/11  d-o-d 01/03/11	15/12/04	15/12/04		
El Salvador	24/03/95	22/5/96  d-o-d 28/05/96	17/04/99	d-o-d 04/03/03	13/12/99	28/9/00  d-o-d 21/01/03	12/12/01 with reservation	23/6/05  d-o-d 05/09/05	14/11/07 <sup>8</sup>			

<sup>6</sup> Colombia signed the Protocol subject to confirmation. The Instrument confirming its Signature was deposited on February 9, 2000.

<sup>7</sup> Mexico signed the Protocol *ad referendum*.

<sup>8</sup> According to Note dated November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, the Republic of El Salvador proceeded to sign, the Protocol to the Convention Establishing the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Caribbean, on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

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Honduras	24/07/94	6/7/95  d-o-d 04/08/95	17/04/99	24/05/13  d-o-d 26/06/13			12/12/01	d-o-d 02/08/13				
Nicaragua	24/07/94	02/12/98  d-o-d 25/01/99	17/04/99	9/11/01  d-o-d 29/11/01	05/05/00	7/7/05  d-o-d 21/11/05	12/12/01 with reservation	3/5/07  d-o-d 23/10/07	12/02/04	12/02/04	5/5/11  d-o-d 12/07/11	
NON GROUPED COUNTRIES												
Cuba	24/07/94	19/5/95  d-o-d 05/07/95	17/04/99	17/6/02  d-o-d 19/12/02	13/12/99	24/10/02  d-o-d 18/10/05	12/12/01	16/8/05  d-o-d 18/10/05	12/02/04	12/02/04	20/7/07  d-o-d 10/09/07	
Dominican Republic		04/01/96  d-o-d 16/01/96		11/2/08  d-o-d 17/02/09		16/6/01  d-o-d 06/02/02		1/3/12  d-o-d 05/06/12				
Panama	24/07/94	19/1/96  d-o-d 18/04/96	17/04/99	19/2/04  d-o-d 30/06/04	13/12/99	9/2/01  d-o-d 28/01/02	12/12/01	19/2/04  d-o-d 30/06/04	12/02/04	12/02/04	d-o-d 14/07/05	
ASSOCIATE STATES												

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France in respect of French Guiana, Guadeloupe and Martinique		23/01/98  d-o-d 18/02/98  24/05/96		11/7/03  d-o-d 21/08/03				12/12/01	Deposit of the Instrument of Approval 09/10/02			
Netherlands Antilles		21/6/01  d-o-d 25/09/01  27/11/97		d-o-d 21/04/06				12/12/01			23/02/05	d-o-d 21/04/06
TERRITORIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS												
Montserrat												

- Note 1:** The Agreement between the Association of Caribbean States and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the Headquarters of the Association of Caribbean states and its Privileges and Immunities was signed on the 27 of August 1997 and is definitively in force, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, having complied with the requirements of Art.46.
- Note 2:** By diplomatic note from the Embassy of Mexico in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago has informed that the Foreign Affairs Secretariat, by letter dated October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007, stated in relation to the Air Transport Agreement as follows: “In that regard, my Government is firmly committed to the legal structure of the ACS. Therefore, with the exception of the Air Transport Agreement, we have signed and ratified the legal instruments established in the framework of the Association. The Government of Mexico reiterates that it is unable to sign said agreement, due to the fact that Mexican policy in that area does not permit the signing of multilateral agreements.”
- Note 3:** The Government of France, in respect of French Guiana, Guadeloupe and Martinique, has declared that is not able to become a Party to the Air Transport Agreement given the existed international obligations of the French Republic.
- Note 4:** This Matrix has been compiled from information received from the Depositary State.