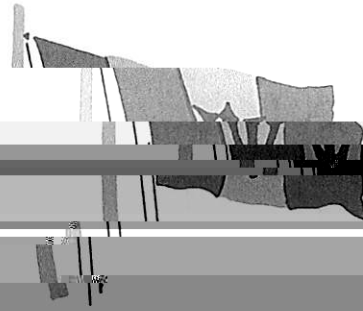




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STATEMENT BY

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I have the honour to speak on behalf of the fourteen member states of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARICOM aligns itself with the statements delivered by Palestine on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Belize on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We also associate with the statement delivered on behalf of CLAM

Madam President _____

CARICOM wishes to congratulate you and the facilitators on a successful IGC3. While we had an intensive round of negotiations and are all extremely tired, we continue to be encouraged and bolstered

prepared to do so, and;

5. We also note that we may have to work longer hours and we are

the room;

required. The reasons for this are well known to delegations in

that these meetings should only be convened as absolutely

increase the number of parallel meetings. However, we stress

4. We understand that it may be necessary to convene and even

and the number of meetings should be increased in IGC4.

probably be replaced by two plenary meetings—one at the start

meetings should be kept to the absolute minimum and could

of the view that the convening of informal working group

negotiations. Further, given the stage of our negotiations we are

We see this format as more conducive to advancing our

3. The number of informal informals should be increased in IGC4.

continue to bedevil these negotiations;

and the number of meetings should be increased in IGC4.

6. While they have proven useful, the objective of completing in 2020 compels all of us to think about whether we might further limit the number of side events held during IGC4.

Much of this will of course be premised on our physical capacity to undertake many of the tasks just outlined. CARICOM therefore remains extremely concerned about the state of the Voluntary Trust Fund. We believe that adequate funding of the Trust Fund will

be required if we are to meet our objectives for 2020.

negotiations and meet our needs for 2020.