

**A TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET**

The Government of Canada (hereinafter referred to as "Canada") and the Governments of Antigua, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as "Member States", being Member States of the Caribbean Common Market).

CONSCIOUS of the role played by the 1925 Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement as amended by the Protocol of July 8, 1966, in the development of trade and commercial relations between Canada and the Member States;

COGNIZANT of the broadening of the areas of cooperation between the Contracting Parties since the conclusion of the 1925 Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement as amended by the Protocol of July 8, 1966;

MINDFUL of the mutually beneficial trade and economic relationship that Canada and the Member States have enjoyed;

RECOGNIZING the continued importance of the ties of friendship and understanding existing between them;

MINDFUL of the common perspectives and the joint desire of Canada and the Member States to participate in the establishment of a more equitable and balanced relationship between developed and developing countries;

DETERMINED to accelerate their efforts toward the economic development and social progress of their countries and particularly the Member States;

NOTING the desire of the Member States to hasten the process of regional economic integration as an indispensable element in their economic development and particularly that of the Less Developed Countries among them, and their intention of promoting the diversification of the economies of the Member States by cooperation between these states and Canada in order to modernize and develop the principal sectors of their economies;

DESIRING a framework for the mutually advantageous and evolutionary development of their trade and economic relations;

HAVE agreed as follows: