

**IMPORTANT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF CARICOM ON**  
**HAITI**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Sessional Meeting**  
**March 2010**

CARICOM at its 22<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Sessional Meeting made the following decisions and took the following actions with regards to member state Haiti:

**Received** with gratitude the reports of the President of Haiti, the CARICOM Special Representative on Haiti, the Secretary-General of the Organisation of American States (OAS) and Ambassador Granderson on a range of recent developments relating to Haiti;

**Issued** a Statement on the Recovery and Reconstruction of Haiti;

**Reiterated** the strong support of the Conference for Haiti as a Member State and urged that the planning and implementation of development policies and programmes respect Haiti's sovereignty and strengthen Haiti's ability to effectively participate in all aspects of the Caribbean Community, including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME);

**Also reiterated** its commitment to provide support for the institutional and capacity requirements and to make available professional and technical expertise to help put Haiti in a position to deliver on its obligations including to prepare and submit projects to the IHRC for funding;

**Noted** the expressed interest of the Caribbean private sector to actively contribute in the recovery, reconstruction and economic development of Haiti and the constraints which could militate against their endeavours;

**Approved** the establishment of the CARICOM Special Fund for Private Sector Investment in Haiti;

**Welcomed** the contribution of US\$3.0 million by the Government of Haiti as its initial contribution to the CARICOM Special Fund and urged other Member States to make their contribution at the earliest time;

**Requested** the CDB to support the CARICOM Special Fund through technical assistance to prepare the legal and administrative instruments and participation in the funding and management of the mechanism;

**Commended** the increasing organisation and structured involvement of the Haitian diaspora in the work of the Office of the Special Representative including its pledged support for the CARICOM Social Fund;

**Took note** of the collaborative activities and initiatives with the diaspora including the “*Wounded Warrior Initiative*” to involve the services of selected CARICOM veterans with needed skills and competencies in priority areas in Haiti;

**Supported** the Plan of Action developed by the Government of Haiti and the Office of the Special Representative of CARICOM in Kingston in January 2011 commended its early implementation;

**Also requested** the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) to facilitate Haiti in the implementation of its priorities above.