



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

AND

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLYING THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CARIFORUM STATES, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, OF THE OTHER PART

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom” or “UK”) and the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (together, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”),

- *Noting* that the United Kingdom will, in accordance with European Council Decision (EU) 2019/584 taken in agreement with the United Kingdom of 11 April 2019 extending the period under Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union, cease to be a Member State of the European Union on 31 October 2019,
- *Recognising* that:
  - the United Kingdom signed on 22 March 2019 in Saint Lucia;
  - the Dominican Republic signed on 4 April 2019 in London; and
  - the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago signed on 1 April 2019 in London,

an Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States<sup>1</sup>, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part (“the CARIFORUM-UK EPA”) to continue the effects, as between them, of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the CARIFORUM States, of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part (“the CARIFORUM-EU EPA”),

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<sup>1</sup> The CARIFORUM States are: Antigua & Barbuda, The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, The Commonwealth of Dominica, The Dominican Republic, Grenada, The Republic of Guyana, The Republic of Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, The Republic of Suriname and The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The Republic of Haiti and The Republic of Suriname have not signed the CARIFORUM-UK EPA. The Commonwealth of The Bahamas has approved in principle and is expected to sign the CARIFORUM-UK EPA on or before 31 October 2019.



- *Recognising* that the necessary domestic procedures required for the CARIFORUM-UK EPA to enter into effect as between the UK and the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 31 October 2019 will not have been completed,
- *Desiring* nevertheless to continue the effects of the relationship between the Participants provided for by the CARIFORUM-EU EPA without interruption,

Have reached the following understandings:

#### Section 1

##### Purpose

The Participants intend that the effects of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA should continue as between them, without interruption once the CARIFORUM-EU EPA ceases to apply to the United Kingdom.

#### Section 2

##### Treatment of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA

In pursuance of the purpose in section 1, the Participants have decided to treat the provisions of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA, as having effect as between them for the period between the CARIFORUM-EU EPA ceasing to apply to the United Kingdom and the coming into effect as between them of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA.

#### Section 3

##### Entry into effect of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA

The Participants will use their best endeavours to bring the CARIFORUM-UK EPA into effect as between them within three months of this Memorandum coming into effect.

The Participants accept that, following bringing the CARIFORUM-UK EPA into effect, any action carried out pursuant to this Memorandum will be understood to have been carried out pursuant to the CARIFORUM-UK EPA.



#### Section 4

##### Amendment

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants between whom this Memorandum is in effect.

#### Section 5

##### Termination

This Memorandum may be terminated as between the UK and any other Participant by one of them giving one week's written notice to the other, or such shorter period as the UK and that Participant may decide.

In any event, this Memorandum will terminate as between the UK and another Participant without any further notice on the earlier of the date of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA coming into effect as between the UK and that Participant and three months of this Memorandum coming into effect.

The Participants will consult to determine how any outstanding matters should be dealt with on termination.

#### Section 6

##### Disputes

The Participants will consult at the request of any of the Participants identifying a concern about the interpretation or application of this Memorandum and endeavour to resolve the matter between themselves. The Participants accept that they will not seek recourse to any national or international tribunal or any third party for settlement of such matters.

#### Section 7

##### Effective date

This Memorandum will come into effect on 31 October 2019 between the UK and those other Participants that have signed this Memorandum on or before 31 October 2019 if the CARIFORUM-EU



EPA ceases to apply to the UK on that date. The foregoing represents the understandings reached between the Participants on the matters referred to in this Memorandum.

## Section 8

### Additional Participants

Antigua and Barbuda will be considered as a Participant to this Memorandum if it signs this Memorandum on or before 31 October 2019; and

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas will be considered as a Participant to this Memorandum if it signs the CARIFORUM-UK EPA and this Memorandum on or before 31 October 2019.



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Signed in duplicate in English and Spanish

For the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

At \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

Por el Gobierno de la República Dominicana

At \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

For the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

At \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_