

STATEMENT BY BARBADOS RE. UNSC AGENDA ITEM 3 (a) (i)

Chair,

Barbados supports the Report of the Friends of the Chair Group on Broader Measures of Progress and wants to commend this group on the very broad participatory and transparent approach that it has followed from the beginning. However, we would like to see a prominent place be given to the: STATEMENT BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CARIBBEAN STATISTICIANS (SCCS) REGARDING ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW SET OF GOALS, TARGETS AND INDICATORS FOR THE “BEYOND 2015 INITIATIVE”, formulated in October 2014 during its 39th Meeting in Georgetown, Guyana.

In essence this Statement comes down to: the following:

- The SCCS will support any set of Goals, Targets and Indicators arrived at after a wide and proper consultation process, but urges the international Statistical Community to push for a **dual set** - the **full set** comprising all the goals, all the targets and all the indicators, and a **core set**, comprising all the goals, all the targets and a **selection** of indicators **manageable** by CARICOM_SIDS;
- The core set of indicators should be the starting point for CARICOM_SIDS and countries should aim to migrate to the full set in a specific timeframe. In addition, **the Caribbean Specific Millennium Development Goals (CSMDGs) indicators** which were produced by the CARICOM Region to enable greater relevance of the MDGs, and to some extent reflect some of the issues/indicators that are now being suggested for incorporation in the post-2015 monitoring framework, such as, disaggregating of the indicators by sex, the monitoring of Non-Communicable Diseases and Early Childhood Development, should also inform the process moving forward in CARICOM.