

Suriname

REGIONAL STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT IN LAC (3m)

**Thank you Chair,**

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**Suriname wants to align itself with Barbados on this important matter and has a brief but important addition. Chair we are glad to report that things are not perfect but the LA and C Relationship has indeed improved since 2010 when there was a clear division and even hostility between the two regions. We especially have to thank Pablo Tactuk of the Dominican Republic on the Latin American side and Kelsie Dorsett of the Bahamas on the Caribbean side for this improvement and should this trend continue we are more or less sure that in 2020 when the ECLAC Report is presented there will have to be no CARICOM reservations, rejections and/or observations.**

Suriname thinks the task of the SCCS fundamentally could have been better stated- given the strides made at this forum with the support and important role of the CARICOM AGS which aids in implementation. For example the key issue of harmonization; of enabling sharing of best practices; development of projects (IDB Common Literacy)/ providing feedback on projects being developed e.g. with Statistics Canada and oversight on projects (Ninth and Tenth EDF).

The ICP had its positives and negatives in the CARICOM region and the recommendations made by CARICOM SCCS should have been duly noted.

Finally, regarding the Post-2015 (e.g paragraph 57) for the CARICOM region the member states, organs of the CARICOM (including the SCCS) and the Permanent Missions of CARICOM members to the UN in New York are the ones engaged in our process.

**The point is to sum up the paper "CEPAL produced it without asking us anything".**