

Message from the Embassy of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to the Kingdom of Belgium on the Commemoration of the launch of the OACPS

On the occasion to commemorate the launch of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), on behalf of the government and people of Guyana, I wish to express warm congratulations and best wishes to the OACPS following the coming into force of its renewed constitutive act, the Revised Georgetown Agreement. As we all know, the original Georgetown Agreement, aptly named for being signed in Guyana's capital, gave birth to the ACP Group of States which brought three distinct regions together to focus on sustainable development and poverty reduction within the membership. Today, as we transition into an organization to better facilitate our engagement with other countries and bodies in the international arena, let us reflect on the significant progress made and lessons learned as an institution through several generations of agreements with the European Union from the Lomé Conventions to the Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the current engagement in the Post-Cotonou negotiations. Guyana looks forward and is determined to work with Member States of the three regions, the Secretariat of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and other partners to tackle current and emerging challenges to development in all of its dimensions and to enable the organization to emerge as a major actor in the global arena in the near future.

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