



## EMBASSIES OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES & MISSIONS TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

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### NOTE VERBALE

The Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States to the Kingdom of Belgium and Missions to the European Union present their compliments to the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) on the occasion of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding on June 6<sup>th</sup> 1975.

The Mission wishes to convey the congratulations of its Member States, to the OACPS on reaching this momentous milestone, which lays testimony to its important contributions to all its members and to its meaningful existence. The Eastern Caribbean States are grateful for the unrelenting support and partnership of the OACPS, that have gone a long way towards enabling small developing states like the Eastern Caribbean States to transform their economies, post-independence, into viable global trading economies dedicated to multilateralism.

The Mission also wishes to especially convey the gratitude of its Member States to the OACPS for sparing no occasion to sensitize the global order about the peculiarities of small island developing states, as it relates to their inherent vulnerabilities, especially that related to climate change, exogenous shocks, access to concessional financing required for sustainable development and in crafting out a new and reformed global trade and economic agenda that is inclusive and works for all.

The Embassies of the Eastern Caribbean States avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) the assurances of their highest consideration.

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