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The Caribbean Group in Brussels is pleased to join in the commemoration of OACPS Day, which this year recognises the forty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of this unique, culturally-diverse, cross-regional grouping of developing countries. We extend warm congratulations to the OACPS family on this significant milestone. This year, we celebrate with additional pride and gusto, the transformation into an international organisation, embracing the opportunities for solidifying unity and solidarity among the membership, deepening relations with all partners and pursuing with greater vigour the sustainable development of all our countries and regions.

Over the years, the Group has evolved to demonstrate its responsiveness to global challenges and opportunities. With a membership of seventy-nine States, it has emerged as an additional and influential voice for developing countries, impacting decision-making on several stages. Our collective will has strengthened international cooperation to eradicate poverty, address climate change and boost initiatives towards economic and social development to support the aspirations of our peoples.

We pay tribute to successive Secretaries-General and members of staff for their loyalty and unstinting service and contribution to the Organisation.

We look forward to the next stage of maturation of the OACPS. Global challenges have increased and indeed, have assumed new and unprecedented forms. Our resolve to build on all that unites us remains strong and firm. It is our commitment to the *OACPS 3.0 - the Power of Change*.

The Caribbean Group values this important relationship and is committed to work with all members of the OACPS family to meet our common objectives.

HAPPY OACPS DAY 2020!



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