



**EMBASSY OF BELIZE**  
**MISSION OF BELIZE TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**STATEMENT BY BELIZE**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OACPS**

5 June 2020

Belize proudly joins in the celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OACPS with our brothers and sisters of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific regions. As one of its youngest member states, Belize has much to be thankful for due to our Organisation. Just six years after the launch of the Georgetown Agreement in 1975, the then ACP and its members were vital allies in supporting Belize's drive to its independence in 1981.

Today, the OACPS continues to be an important source of political solidarity for Belize in the context of Guatemala's territorial and insular claim of Belize and the push for its peaceful and judicial resolution. Belize is wholeheartedly grateful for the OACPS' unwavering support and continues to value its participation within the revitalized Organisation. This is in addition to the benefits that have come to Belize from the development cooperation and trade agreements that our Organisation has negotiated over these 45 years.

We are therefore proud to announce today, that the Government of Belize has now approved the signing of the Revised Georgetown Agreement to take place in this very month of our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Under the theme of "*OACPS 3.0- the Power of Change*", we celebrate the anniversary of our organisation that continues to instigate positive change in our shared world and that strives to build a sustainable future for all our peoples.

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