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**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM H.E. JACOB KAIMENYI, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
KENYA IN BRUSSELS AND THE ENTIRE STAFF AT THE EMBASSY ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES  
(OACPS)**

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Today, Kenya Embassy in Brussels joins the rest of the OACPS Member States in commemorating the first Anniversary of coming into being of the OACPS on 5th April 2020. We congratulate all the Member States as well as the Secretary General and his team on the strides made to strengthen our cooperation.

The signing of the Revised Georgetown Agreement by member states portrayed the Group's determination to tackle the challenges to development in all its dimensions, including with respect to environment and climate change, peace and security, gender and private sector development.

Over the last one year, despite challenges emanating from the COVID 19 pandemic, the OACPS Group has made commendable strides particularly on the conclusion of negotiations of the new OACPS-EU partnership agreement, convening of 1st intersessional Summit of Heads of State as well up up-scaling engagement at the international arena.

These accomplishments ascertain that the OACPS has already repositioned itself in pursuit of common and shared values and aspirations as reiterated by Member States in the *Nairobi Nguvu ya Pomoja Declaration* at the organization's 9th Summit.

The theme of the celebration, *OACPS of the Future: Transition. Solidarity. Unity*, resonates with the vision of the Group towards strengthening multilateralism, to enhance the global economy, promote global solidarity and create the future we want.,

As we commemorate this Anniversary, we must retain our solidarity even in the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic which has devastated our economies.

As part of the OACPS family, Kenya remains committed to work together, seek new partnerships, enhance existing ones and truly transform the OACPS region.

Happy Anniversary to the OACPS fraternity!

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