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ADMISSION OF ARUBA AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLAC

Note by the Secretariat

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1. In February 1988, the Executive Secretary received a communication from the Ambassador of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr. Robert Fruin, the text of which is as follows:

Santiago, 18 February 1988

Sir,

With reference to early discussions held in your office, I would like to inform you of the following.

As from 1 January 1986, the island of Aruba, which until that date was part of the Netherlands Antilles, has obtained internal autonomy as a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the same footing as the two other parts of the Kingdom. Consequently, Aruba now has the same juridical status as the Netherlands Antilles.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has instructed me to inform you that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph a) of the Terms of Reference of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Government of Aruba wishes to apply for admission as an associate member of your Commission.

I have the honour to request that this application be submitted for the consideration of the Commission at its 22nd Session.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Fruin
Ambassador of the Netherlands

Mr. Gert Rosenthal
Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Latin America
and the Caribbean
Santiago

2. Article 3 a) of the Terms of Reference of the Commission states that "membership of the Commission shall be open to members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America, and in the Caribbean area and, to France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom. Any territory or part or group thereof, within the geographic scope of the Commission's work, may, on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission. If it has become responsible for its own international relations, such territory, part or group of territories may be admitted as an associate member of the Commission on itself presenting its application to the Commission".

3. As stated in the communication reproduced in paragraph 1 above, Aruba was until January 1986 a part of the Netherlands Antilles, a territory which was admitted as an associate member of ECLAC by virtue of resolution 445(XIX), adopted on 14 May 1981 at its nineteenth session. It is therefore appropriate that, on obtaining its internal autonomy as a country, Aruba should participate, in the work of the Commission as an associate member in its own right, if its admission in this capacity is approved.

4. In view of the foregoing, the issue of the admission of Aruba as an associate member of ECLAC has been included as item 8 a) on the provisional agenda of the twenty-second session of the Commission.