



## CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

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#### **STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE**

CCJ, Port of Spain. **Further to the recent announcement made by The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, the President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), The Right Honourable Sir Charles Michael Dennis Byron, has issued the following statement:**

“The Caribbean Court of Justice welcomes the announcement by the Honourable Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago that her Government intends to accede to the Appellate Jurisdiction of the Court. Trinidad & Tobago is, of course, already part of the Court’s Original Jurisdiction for the interpretation and application of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas. The Court stands ready to serve its Host Nation even further in the capacity of court of last resort for the citizens of Trinidad & Tobago.

Accession to the court in its appellate jurisdiction will go some considerable distance to assist Trinidad & Tobago, and indeed the wider Caribbean, to “complete the circle of independence” . The Court will continue to discharge its responsibilities as a final court of appeal in such a manner as to engage public trust and confidence and to satisfy the mandate with which it has been entrusted.”

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