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Act No. 31 of 1992

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An Act to provide for giving legal effect to the Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community.

[Act No. 31 of 1992.]

[1st June, 1992.]

1. Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the Order of the Caribbean Community Act and shall be deemed to have come into effect as from the 1st of June, 1992.

2. Agreement to have force of law in Grenada

The provisions of the Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community which Agreement is comprised in the Schedule hereto shall have the force of law in Grenada.

Schedule

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Agreement Instituting the Order of the Caribbean Community

The Governments of Member States of the Caribbean Community

Having considered it most desirable that an appropriately designated high honour should be instituted and be conferred, from time to time, on nationals of Member States of the Community who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the Caribbean Region;

Desirous of inaugurating the award of the honour at the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community in 1991;

Hereby agree as follows.

ARTICLE I

Definitions

In this Agreement—

- (a) “the Community” means the Caribbean Community;
- (b) “the Conference” means the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community;
- (c) “Member State” means a Member State of the Caribbean Community;
- (d) “national” means person who—
 - (i) is a citizen of a Member State, or
 - (ii) has a connection with a Member State of a kind which entitles that person to be regarded as belonging to, or, if it be so expressed, as being a native or resident of the Member State for the purposes of such laws thereof relating to immigration as are for the time being in force;
- (e) “the Order” means the Order of the Caribbean Community.

ARTICLE II

Institution of the Order of the Caribbean Community

The Order of the Caribbean Community is hereby instituted and shall consist of its members and every national of a Member State upon whom the Order is conferred shall be a member of the Order.

ARTICLE III

Eligibility for Appointment to Membership of the Order

1. Appointment to membership of the Order shall be reserved only for nationals of Member States who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the Caribbean Region.

2. The award of membership of the Order may be conferred upon a person posthumously.

ARTICLE IV

Awards

Awards of membership of the Order shall be conferred by the Conference.

ARTICLE V

The Advisory Committee

1. There shall be an Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) for the purposes of the Order and shall be constituted as provided in paragraph 2.

2. The Committee shall consist of the following seven persons—

- (a) the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, or his representative, representing those Member States of that Organisation which are Member States of the Caribbean Community;

(b) one representative of each of the other Member States of the Caribbean Community.

3. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Deputy Chairperson from among its members.

4. Five members of the Committee, including the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Committee.

5. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Committee and if the Chairperson is absent from any meeting, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside.

6. The Committee shall meet at such times as the business of the Committee may require and at such places as it may deem fit.

7. The Secretary-General of the Community shall provide administrative and secretarial services for the Committee and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, he shall—

(a) maintain records of the Order and of the proceedings of the Committee;

(b) arrange ceremonies for the conferring of the Order on members and perform such other functions in connection with the Order as the Conference may direct, or the Committee may specify.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Article, the Committee shall have power to regulate its own proceedings.

ARTICLE VI

Functions of the Committee

1. The Committee shall—

(a) make investigations, as it thinks fit, to identify persons, whether living or dead, upon whom the Order may be conferred;

(b) consider nominations of nationals of Member States made by Governments of Member States;

(c) submit to the Conference its recommendations for awards of membership of the Order and tender advice to the Conference on any other matter concerning the Order.

2. Nothing in paragraph 1 shall be construed as affecting the right of the Conference to confer the award on a person who may not have been recommended by the Committee for the award.

ARTICLE VII

Privileges of Members of the Order

1. A member of the Order is entitled to—

(a) be styled “Honourable” before that member’s name and to have the suffix “O.C.C.” placed after the name of the member;

(b) wear as a decoration on appropriate occasions the insignia, struck in gold, and the ribbon, of the Order;

(c) reside and engage in gainful occupation in any Member State and to acquire and dispose of property in the same manner in all respects as citizens of any Member State;

(d) be issued with a travel document designed to facilitate travel within the Caribbean Community and which would enjoy in every Member State a like

status as a diplomatic passport issued by or on behalf of the Government of any such State.

2. The spouse of a member of the Order and those children of a member who have not attained the age of eighteen years shall be accorded the privilege conferred by paragraph 1(d).

3. A member of the Order shall be appropriately ranked in order of precedence at State and official functions, while in a Member State, as may be decided by that Member State.

ARTICLE VIII

Register of Members of the Order

Each Member State shall cause to be kept a register of members of the Order and shall enter therein the names of persons on whom the Order has been conferred showing the following particulars—

- (a) the full name, address and designation of the member of the Order;
- (b) the date on which the Order was conferred.

ARTICLE IX

Implementation

Each Member State hereby undertakes to take such action as is necessary to make effective in its territory the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE X

Authority of the Conference

The final authority for the interpretation or application of this Agreement is the Conference and pursuant thereto, it may from time to time, give directions for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment

This Agreement may be amended by the Contracting Parties by decision of the Conference.

ARTICLE XII

Signature

This Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Community and shall be open for signature on behalf of the Governments of Member States.

ARTICLE XIII

Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on signature on behalf of the Governments of all Member States.

In witness whereof, the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have signed this Agreement.

Done in a single copy which shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community who shall transmit certified copies to all of the Contracting Parties.

Signed by V. C. BIRD

For the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on the 7th day of March, 1991, at St. John's Antigua.

Signed by LYNDEN PINDLING

For the Government of the Bahamas on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Signed by MAURICE KING

For the Government of Barbados on the 14th day of May, 1991.

Signed by GEORGE PRICE

For the Government of Belize on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Signed by M. EUGENIA CHARLES

For the Government of Dominica on the 28th day of May, 1991, at Roseau, Dominica.

Signed by FRANCIS ALEXIS

For the Government of Grenada on the 14th day of May, 1991, at Bridgetown Barbados.

Signed by H. HOYTE

For the Government of Guyana on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Signed by MICHAEL MANLEY

For the Government of Jamaica on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Signed by J.A. OSBORNE

For the Government of Montserrat on the 4th day of March, 1991, at Plymouth, Montserrat.

Signed by KENNEDY SIMMONDS

For the Government of Saint Christopher and Nevis on the 8th day of March, 1991, at Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Signed by JOHN COMPTON

For the Government of Saint Lucia on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Signed by JOHNATHAN PETERS

For the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on the 14th day of May, 1991, at Dover Convention Centre, Barbados.

Signed by A.N.R. ROBINSON

For the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on the 26th day of February, 1991, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation
