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THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS PROTOCOL:

Noting that the CARICOM Agreement on Social Security (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") entered into force on 1 April 1997;

Recalling that Article 25 of the Agreement established a Committee, comprising the Heads of Social Security of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement, to implement the Agreement;

Aware of the request of the Committee of Heads of Social Security that Articles 18 and 33 of the Agreement be amended for clarity;

Bearing in mind the spirit of the Agreement,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I
Amendment of Agreement

The States Parties to this Protocol agree to amend the Agreement by substituting for Articles 18 and 33, the following Articles:

"Article 18
Payment of a Partial Benefit

1. In assessing a claim, the competent institution shall take into account the contributions history of the insured person.

2. Where, at the material time, a claimant has satisfied the conditions for entitlement to a benefit in the jurisdiction of one Contracting Party, but not the conditions for a benefit under the legislation of another Contracting Party, in the territory of which the insured person concerned was employed, the competent institution of the other Contracting Party shall pay to such insured person or persons claiming through that person, a portion of the full benefit to which such person would have been entitled, if that person had satisfied the relevant conditions in that Contracting Party."
“Article 33
Application of Article 18

In order to enable the claimant to benefit from the provisions of Article 18, the competent institution shall, when requested, submit to the competent institution of the Contracting Party or Contracting Parties as the case may be, a certificate stating whether or not the insured person concerned has satisfied the qualifying conditions for a benefit under the applicable legislation of that Contracting Party.”,

and undertake that as between themselves they will, in accordance with the provisions of this Protocol, attribute full legal effect to and duly apply Articles 18 and 33 as amended.

Article II
Signature

This Protocol shall be open for signature by the Contracting Parties to the Agreement and shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions of Article 61 of the Agreement.

Article III
Accession

1. A Contracting Party to the Agreement may accede to this Protocol.

2. Instruments of Accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General who shall transmit certified copies to the Governments of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have affixed their signatures to this Protocol.

DONE at this day of 2009.

Signed by for the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on the day of 2009 at day of October.
Signed by
for the Government of The Bahamas on the 23rd day of July, 2010 at Nassau, Bahamas.

Signed by
for the Government of Barbados on the 14th day of January, 2013 at Georgetown, Guyana.

Signed by
for the Government of Belize on the 5th day of July, 2017 at Grand Anse, Grenada.

Signed by
for the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on the 25th day of February, 2009 at St. George, Grenada.

Signed by
for the Government of Grenada on the 2nd day of July, 2009 at Frigate Bay, Saint Christopher and Nevis.

Signed by
for the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on the 9th day of July, 2013 at Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago.

Signed by
for the Government of Jamaica on the day of

Signed by
for the Government of Montserrat on the 4th day of July, 2015.

Signed by
for the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis on the 25th day of February, 2000 at St. George, Grenada.
Signed by
for the Government of Saint Lucia on the
11th day of March 2009 at Roseau, Dominica

Signed by Ralph E. Gonsalves
for the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the
9th day of October 2009 at Kingstown

Signed by
for the Government of the Republic of Suriname on the
day of
2009 at

Signed by
for the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on the
day of
2009 at