



**PROTOCOL AMENDING
THE CARICOM AGREEMENT ON
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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.

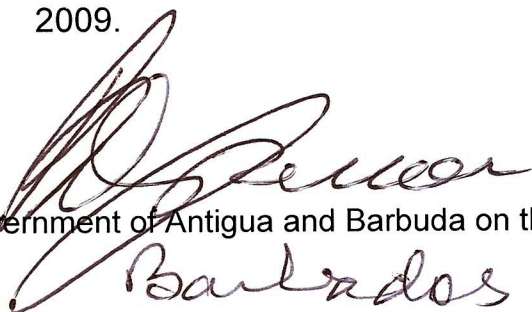
**Article III
Accession**

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 _____
2009 at _____


Barbados

_____ th day of October

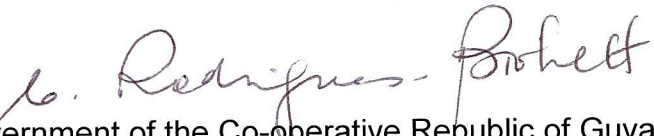
Signed by 
for the Government of The Bahamas on the 23rd day of July.
2009 at Nassau Bahamas.
2010

Signed by 
for the Government of Barbados on the 14th day of January
2009 at GEORGETOWN, GUYANA.
2013


Signed by 
for the Government of Belize on the 5th day of July, 2017
2009 at Grand Anse, Grenada


Signed by 
for the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica on the
29th day of FEBRUARY 2011 2009 at ST. GEORGE, GRENADA


Signed by 
for the Government of Grenada on the 2nd day of July
2009 at 8011 Frigate Bay, Saint Christopher and Nevis

Signed by 
for the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on the 4th day of July
2009 at Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
2013


Signed by
for the Government of Jamaica on the _____ day of _____
2009 at _____

Signed by 
for the Government of Montserrat on the 4th day of July 2013
2009 at Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Signed by 
for the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis on the
25th day of FEBRUARY 2009 at ST. GEORGE, GRENADA
2011

Signed by 
for the Government of Saint Lucia on the
2009 at ~~10~~ ROSEAU, DOMINICA

11th day of March

Signed by 
for the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines on the
9th day of October 2009 at Barbados

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 _____