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**REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF  
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ADMISSION  
OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER  
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA  
AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

**Note by the secretariat**



By means of a note verbale dated 6 September 2005, the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Santiago, Chile, acting on behalf of the Government of the Turks and Caicos, informed the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean of its request that the Turks and Caicos be granted associate membership in the Commission and asked that this request be submitted to the Commission for its consideration.

The secretariat is accordingly transmitting herewith the text of this request to the members of the Commission for consideration and action at its thirty-first session.

Santiago, 6 of September, 2005

Re: Request to consider membership of Turks and Caicos

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and has the honour hereby to transmit a request by the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Turks and Caicos be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. In this matter, the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is acting on behalf of the government of the Turks and Caicos.

The Turks and Caicos enjoy strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region. The Turks and Caicos are committed to strengthening these links wherever possible, and associate membership of ECLAC will contribute strongly to achieving this goal.

Paragraphs 3 a) and 4 of the Terms of Reference of the Commission state as follows:  
"3. a) 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, Italy, 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.

On behalf of the government of the Turks and Caicos, the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would be grateful if this question could be considered by the 31st Session of ECLAC, to be held in Montevideo in March 2006.

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean the assurance of its highest consideration.

British Embassy  
Santiago

