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### **NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT**

By means of a letter dated 21 April 2011, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Santiago conveyed to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean a request by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Government of Curaçao, that Curaçao be granted associate membership of 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 the twenty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole.



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Asunto Associate membership Curaçao

Dear Ms Bárcena,

Upon instruction of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands I have the honour to inform you as follows.

With effect from 10 October 2010, the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. From that date onwards, the Kingdom consists of four parts: the Netherlands (including the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba), Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

Referring to the conditions and procedures governing associate membership of ECLAC in paragraphs 3. a) and 4. of the Terms of Reference of the Commission, I hereby have the honour to transmit a request by the Kingdom of the Netherlands on behalf of the government of Curaçao to grant Curaçao an associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Curaçao enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region. Curaçao is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible, and associate membership of ECLAC will contribute strongly to achieving this goal.

On behalf of the government of Curaçao, the Kingdom of the Netherlands would be grateful if this question could be considered by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador,  
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