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NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

By means of a letter dated 25 August 2010, the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Santiago, acting on behalf of the Governor of Bermuda, informed the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean of its request that Bermuda 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 thirty-fourth session.



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Dear Alicia,

I have the honour of writing to draw your attention to the application issued by the Government of Bermuda asking for its acceptance as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

The conditions and procedures ruling the stages of associated members to ECLAC are specified in paragraphs 3a) and 4 of the Commission's terms of reference; with the specific texts reading as follows:

"3 a) Eligible members to the Commission are those United Nations member countries located in Northern America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean region as well as Germany, Spain, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal and the United Kingdom. All territories or parts of groups of territories located within this geographic sphere of the Commission and its works can lodge a specific application addressed to the Commission, that will be presented by the member responsible for foreign relations of such territory or that part or group of territories asking to be accepted by the Commission as an associate member.

4. The geographical action radius of the Commission will encompass the Latin America and Caribbean States, members of the United Nations and the territories in Central America and the Caribbean participating in the works of the Commission."

In the light of the foregoing, this letter represents a formal application on behalf of the Governor of Bermuda asking to become an associate member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. I will be grateful if this application should be included in the Agenda for the next round of meetings and sessions' of the Commission to be held in New York in 2011.

Yours Ever,

Jon Benjamin
Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland