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On 20 May 1985, the Secretariat received a telex from Mr. Jean Crusol requesting membership for Martinique in the CCST.

Requesting further confirmation as to the nature of the application e.g. from whom and from which office the request was made, the Secretariat wrote to Mr. Crusol seeking clarification.

At the Seventh Executive Committee Meeting held in Port-of-Spain on 22 May 1985, it was agreed that the matter would be considered at the next Plenary Meeting of CCST, while the Statutes were being sent to the authorities in Martinique pointing out the conditions of membership as stipulated under Article 4. The Secretariat was also directed to seek legal advice given that Martinique is a department of France, albeit an island in the Caribbean.

The response of Mr. Roy Lee of the Office of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations indicates that according to Article 4 of the Statutes of CCST, Martinique, not being associated with CDCC does not qualify for membership.

At the ninth session of CDCC, one delegation expressed concern at the application of a non self-governing territory for membership in CCST in the report of CCST to CDCC, but it was recognized that in accordance with the Statutes of the CCST, decisions as to membership rested with the Council.

The Council is therefore requested to decide on the membership of Martinique and if possible set guidelines for the consideration of future applications with similar implications.