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**REQUEST BY THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ADMISSION OF THE CAYMAN
ISLANDS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECLAC**

Note by the secretariat

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By means of a note verbale dated 5 April 2007, the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Chile, acting on behalf of the Government of the Cayman Islands, communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that Government's desire to apply for admission of the territory as an associate member of ECLAC and requested that its application be put to a vote in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.

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



British Embassy
Santiago

5 April 2007

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Executive Secretary
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
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I have the honour to write to you with regard to the question of associate membership in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the Cayman Islands (which has been requested by the Government of that territory).

The conditions and procedures governing associate membership of ECLAC are set forth in paragraphs 3. a) and 4. of the Terms of Reference of the Commission, which 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 of 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."

I therefore have the honour to formally submit an application on behalf of the Governor of the Cayman Islands for associate membership of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. It would be most appreciated if you could place this request on the agenda of the next session of the Commission to be held in the Dominican Republic in 2008.

Howard Drake
HM Ambassador



Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy in Santiago presents its compliments to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and has the honour to inform the Secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that Miss Laura Carr has now replaced Ms Mary Pring as the official representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Commission.

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



BRITISH EMBASSY
SANTIAGO

5 APRIL 2007