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**RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE CARIBBEAN HOTEL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING HELD IN PARADISE ISLAND, THE BAHAMAS, ON SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**

The Caribbean Hotel Association wishes to commend Ambassador Richard Bernal the Director General, of the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM) and his team of negotiators for successfully concluding an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Europe.

In doing so CHA notes that the EPA is the first ever international treaty to include language on Caribbean tourism and thus give recognition to the importance of the development of the industry that has become central to the future success of the regional economy.

CHA further commends the manner in which negotiating Ministers, Ambassadors and the CRNM fought for a text that reflected the aspirations of the industry and its needs.

The industry looks forward to the establishment of an appropriate CARIFORUM mechanism that will lead to the rapid implementation of what has been agreed in order that the industry may improve its competitiveness in preparation for the level of services liberalisation that has been agreed.

In passing this resolution the CHA would also specifically like to recognise the contribution made to achieving a satisfactory text on tourism by the Hon Dame Billie Miller, Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Barbados; the Ambassador for the Dominican Republic in Brussels, HE Mr Federico Cuello; the Ambassador for Barbados in Brussels, HE Mr Errol Humphrey; Mr Henry Gill, the Senior Technical Director of the CRNM; and Mr Ramesh Chaitoo, the Head of the Services Trade Unit of the CRNM.