



**CARIBBEAN
REGIONAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY**

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AMBASSADOR PETER KING PASSES ON

**MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
NEGOTIATING MACHINERY (CRNM)**

“It was with great sadness and shock that members of Staff of the CRNM and myself learnt of the passing of Ambassador Peter King, yesterday.

Ambassador King was passionate about the economic development of the Caribbean. He had a long career in the Jamaican public service, and was an authority on the textiles and apparel industry. Ambassador King was a driving force behind the Central American and Caribbean Textile and Apparel Council, the lobbying group of Central American and Caribbean textile producers, which played an important role in CBI trade.

A long-standing colleague of the CRNM, Ambassador King was much loved for his charm, sharp wit and sense of humor. He had detailed knowledge of the Caribbean’s business sector, and his interaction with the CRNM on this subject contributed significantly to broadening the organization’s understanding of the commercial interests of the Region’s private sector and their interests in trade negotiations. Ambassador King provided a critical link between the Region’s business interests and the Region’s trade negotiators.

Ambassador King served as a negotiator in the CRNM College of Negotiators for the FTAA, in the area of Market Access. He brought to this task valuable negotiating experience from his many years in the negotiations for Lome and GATT.

On behalf of the CRNM, I wish to extend heartfelt sympathies to Ambassador King’s family, in this their hour of grief”.

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