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The President
Tribunal de Justicia de la Comunidad Andina
Quito
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Dear President

Greetings from Trinidad and Tobago.

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), as a sister Regional Community Court, has followed with interest the progress over the years of the Tribunal de Justicia de la Comunidad Andina (the Andean Court). In particular, we have noted that the Andean Court has been one of the more active international courts in the world.

We are therefore extremely saddened to learn of the serious financial difficulties currently being faced by the Court that threaten the Court's ability to continue executing its mandate with distinction and serving the peoples of the Andean Community in an effective and efficient way.

In order to pre-empt this kind of eventuality and to fund the CCJ, [a Trust Fund](#) of US \$100 million was established, so as to enable the expenditures of the CCJ to be financed by income from the Fund. In this way, the expenditures of the CCJ, including the remuneration of the Judges, are not dependent on the disposition of governments. This fund was capitalised by the Caribbean Development Bank and the capital sum repaid over several years by the States Parties to the CCJ.

On behalf of the CCJ I express the fervent hope that the Andean Court will weather this stormy period and I assure you and the judges of the Court of our highest regards.

Sincerely

CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE

Adrian D Saunders

President

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