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STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS NORMAN GIRVAN

CCJ, Port of Spain. The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) notes with sadness the passing of Professor Norman Girvan, former Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States, Professor Emeritus of the University of the West Indies and a truly genuine Caribbean integrationist. Throughout his distinguished career, Professor Girvan laboured long and joyfully in the vineyards of Caribbean integration and ever provided inspiration for those aspiring to social development and transformation of Caribbean society.

The late Professor Girvan followed the operations of the CCJ with keen interest. Of the Court’s judgment in the Shanique Myrie case, he wrote: “Most importantly, it gives assurances to ordinary Caricom citizens that they can have meaningful recourse to a Court set up by and for Caricom nations …. [this judgment] can and should be seen as shot in the arm for the integration movement.” He thus attested to the importance of the CCJ in the process of bringing Caribbean states closer together under the rule of law.

The CCJ acknowledges the true and deep commitment of Professor Girvan to the improvement of the quality of life for all in the Caribbean. The Court recognises his invaluable input into the debate on the ways this can be achieved and commends his intellectual legacy to the entire region.

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