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THE CARIBBEAN COURT OF JUSTICE VISITS SURINAME

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. From Sunday, 2 November to Wednesday, 5 November 2025, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson, President of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), will visit the Republic of Suriname (“Suriname”) to conclude the Court’s Referral Training Session with the Bar Association of Suriname.

During his visit, President Anderson will also pay courtesy calls on the Honourable Mr Harish Monorath, Minister of Justice and Police of Suriname and the Honourable Mr Justice Iwan Rasoeibaks, President of the Court of Justice as well as Mrs Rinnette Djokarto, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

As part of these engagements, President Anderson will present a copy of the CCJ Original Jurisdiction Rules 2024, which have been translated into Dutch, to the Minister of Justice, symbolising the Court’s continued commitment to deepening collaboration with the Surinamese judiciary and legal community under the Original Jurisdiction of the Court.

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About the Caribbean Court of Justice

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) was inaugurated in Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on 16 April 2005 and presently has a Bench of seven judges presided over by CCJ President, the Honourable Mr Justice Winston Anderson. The CCJ has an Original and an Appellate Jurisdiction and is effectively, therefore, two courts in one. In its Original Jurisdiction, it is an international court with exclusive jurisdiction to interpret and apply the rules set out in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) and to decide disputes arising under it. The RTC established the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). In its Original Jurisdiction, the CCJ is critical to the CSME and all 12 Member States which belong to the CSME (including their citizens, businesses, and governments) can access the Court’s Original Jurisdiction to protect their rights under the RTC. In its

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Appellate Jurisdiction, the CCJ is the final court of appeal for criminal and civil matters for those countries in the Caribbean that alter their national Constitutions to enable the CCJ to perform that role. At present, five states access the Court in its Appellate Jurisdiction, these being Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Guyana, and Saint Lucia. However, by signing and ratifying the Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Court of Justice, Member States of the Community have demonstrated a commitment to making the CCJ their final court of appeal. The Court is the realisation of a vision of our ancestors, an expression of independence and a signal of the region's coming of age.

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