

 **JOINT INTER-SECRETARIAT STATEMENT**

**1 March 2024**

Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The Secretariats of the regional and integration organisations comprising the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), the Andean Community (CAN), the Community of Caribbean States (CARICOM), the Central American Integration System (SICA), the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America - Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP), and the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), participating as observers in the Handover Ceremony of the Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT) of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), gathering in the City of Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, on 1 March 2024, and convinced of the great relevance of building a common agenda for the benefit of regional integration:

1. Recognise and congratulate the work done by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines during its tenure as PPT to CELAC in the period 2023.
2. Reiterate the commitment to continue working together, seeking greater efficiency, and avoiding duplication of efforts in the implementation of activities of regional interest, in order to achieve a relevant impact on the cooperation and development agenda of Latin America and the Caribbean, which has social inclusion as its ultimate goal.
3. Stress the need to continue promoting cooperation and convergence among the various regional actors with the aim of following up on the agreed agenda and encouraging economic, social, and cultural integration, through the exchange of experiences and joint work in the areas of food and nutrition security; production linkages; disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation; sustainable energy and electricity integration; cross-border cooperation and infrastructure. Within the framework of the promotion of integration, they recognise the digital and security agendas as issues of regional relevance.
4. Express their commitment to continue supporting and strengthening the actions of their Member States to continue working on the construction of a regional agenda for integration and cooperation in order to achieve effective results, through a productive and permanent dialogue with full respect for the sovereignty of their peoples and their economic, social and cultural diversity.
5. Finally, they express their warmest welcome and best wishes to the Republic of Honduras in the performance of its functions as Presidency Pro Tempore of CELAC, reiterating their support for the performance of its functions and expressing their full



support for the fulfilment, complementarity and strengthening of its actions.