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Ms. Joyce Naar

**Subject: Access to information request Naar/0433  
– CF EU EPA Mutual Recognition Agreement negotiations**

Dear Ms. Naar,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 January 2014.

Please find attached a document containing information on the progress in the negotiations of Mutual Recognition Agreements in accordance with Article 85 of the CF EU EPA.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Gallina  
Acting Director

**CARIFORUM-EU TRADE AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Third Meeting**

**EPA/TDC/2013/**

**GRENADA**

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**7. INVESTMENT, TRADE IN SERVICES AND E-COMMERCE**

**Progress in Negotiation of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)**

**Report by the EU**

Article 85 (3) of the EPA requires the Parties to encourage professional bodies in their respective territories to start negotiations on mutual recognition no later than three years after the Agreement enters into force. The purpose of the negotiations is to jointly develop and provide recommendations on mutual recognition to this Committee, in four disciplines in particular: accounting, architecture, engineering and tourism.

The European Commission has been liaising regularly at pan-European level with professional organisations representing in particular architects and engineers:

- the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)
- the Federation of European Associations of National Engineers (FEANI); and
- the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education (ENAE).

**Architecture**

In 2009, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was concluded between the ACE and organisations representing architects in CARIFORUM countries, namely:

- the Commonwealth Caribbean Architects' Association (ACSAC);
- the Federation of Caribbean Association of Architects (FCAA); and
- CEDARQ-FUNGLODE of the Dominican Republic.

Following the signing of this MOU, CARIFORUM Architects met in June 2010 and established the Caribbean Architects Mutual Recognition Agreement Committee (CAMRAC). The Committee will prepare and negotiate an MRA with European architects.

The ACE provided detailed information on how mutual recognition of professional qualifications in architecture works in the EU. They also encouraged their counterparts to develop their own system of mutual recognition within the region, as provided for in the Treaty of Chaguarramas, before negotiating an MRA with the EU.

### **Engineering**

The FEANI and the ENAEE met with several organisations representing engineers in the CARIFORUM countries in April 2012:

- the Caribbean Accreditation Council for Engineering and Technology (CACET);
- the *Colegio Dominicano de Ingenieros, Arquitectos y Agrimensores* (CODIA);
- the Council of Caribbean Engineering Organisations (CCEO);
- the Greater Caribbean Region Engineering Accreditation System (GCREAS); and
- the *Orde van Raadgevende Ingenieurs in Suriname* (ORIS).

The joint meeting declaration emphasised each party's commitment to working towards facilitating the recognition of professional qualifications in the other's jurisdiction.

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**The Meeting is invited to:**

**Take note** of progress towards the negotiation of Mutual Recognition Agreements between the Parties in the fields of architecture and engineering.