NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT

By means of a note verbale dated November 2013, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Santiago conveyed to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean a request by its Government, on behalf of the Government of Sint Maarten, that Sint Maarten be granted associate membership of the Commission, and asked that this request be submitted to the Commission for its consideration.

The secretariat is accordingly transmitting herewith the text of this request to the members of the Commission for consideration and action at the thirty-fifth session.
The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Chile presents its compliments to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and has the honour to refer to the wish of Sint Maarten in obtaining the status of Associate Member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of The Netherlands supports this wish of Sint Maarten.

In this regard the Royal Netherlands Embassy would like to apprise the Executive Secretary that article 28 of the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which reads as follows, "In accordance with international agreements entered into by the Kingdom Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten may, if they so desire, accede to membership of international organisations", must be understood in the sense that the constitutional relations within the Kingdom do not preclude an individual (associate) membership of one of the countries to an international or regional organisation. It is on the basis of the stipulation in article 28 of the Charter of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the administration of Sint Maarten requests to be admitted as an Associate Member to the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Royal Netherlands Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Chile avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean the assurances of its highest consideration.

Santiago de Chile, November 2013

United Nationals Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
Mrs. Alicia Bárceca
Executive Secretary
Present