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**FIRST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL FISHERIES MECHANISM**

RESTRICTED

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**Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Tuesday, 12 May 2009**

30 April 2009

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

ITEM 1: 9:00a.m. - Opening Remarks

The Chairman shall welcome the Members of the Ministerial Council to the Meeting.

ITEM 2: Confirmation of Agenda

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The Chairman shall ask the meeting to comment on the draft Annotated Agenda, and seek adoption of same.

ITEM 3: The Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy

The CRFM Secretariat shall update the Meeting on developments in respect of implementation of the decision of the CRFM Ministerial Council on the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy at its First Meeting held in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 16 January 2009.

ITEM 4: Draft Agreement Establishing The Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy

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At the First Meeting of the Ministerial Council of the CRFM (16 January 2009), the Meeting agreed that in relation to fulfilling the mandate set out by Conference

*of Heads of Government at the Fourteenth Inter-Sessional Meeting in 2003 to establish a Common Fisheries Policy and Regime (CFP&R): “the CFP&R would be established sequentially, establishing a **Policy** first, upon which the **Regime** will be built.”*

Against the above, a process towards the development of a Draft Common Fisheries Policy was agreed by the Ministerial Council.

A Special Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum was held in Dominica on 20 April 2009, which reviewed the findings and recommendations of a Multidisciplinary Technical Working Group also established by the Ministerial Council.

The Draft Agreement Establishing the Common Fisheries Policy, produced by the Special Meeting of the Caribbean Fisheries Forum, is now presented to the Ministerial Council to seek their input and endorsement to guide the way forward and submission of the document to the COTED.

ITEM 5: Any Other Business

N.B. *A Ministerial Press Conference is scheduled at the end of the meeting.*