**ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**9th SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE**

**AND/OR GOVERNMENT OF THE STATES, COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

**12th May, 2023**

Venue: Antigua, Republic of Guatemala

Format: 1 + 2

Dress code: Formal

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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| **8:00- 9:00** | Welcome of the Heads of State and/or Government and Heads of Delegations |
| **9:00-9:30** | **OPENING CEREMONY**  National Anthem of the Republic of Guatemala  Welcome remarks by the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies   * Remarks by H.E. Alejandro Giammattei, President of Republic of Guatemala * Remarks by H.E. Rodolfo Sabonge, Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States. * ***Guest of Honour (TBD)*** |
| **9:30 – 9:50** | **BREAK**  **Official Photo of the 9th Summit of Heads of State and/or Government of the Association of Caribbean States**  **and**  **Official Photo of Heads of States, Observers States and Special Guests**  *ACS Observers, Social Actors, Special Guests and the Media take their leave* |
| **9:50-10:10** | 1. **ADOTPION OF THE AGENDA AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**   The Chair shall invite the meeting to decide on the agenda and procedural matters related to its deliberations. |
| **10:10- 12:40** | 1. **SESSION I: CLOSED PLENARY: EXCHANGE of Heads of State and/or Government on the theme:** *"Innovating Integration through the Sustainable Development of the Greater Caribbean"* |
| **12:40 – 12:45** | 1. **SESSION 3: CLOSED PLENARY: APPROVAL OF THE DECLARATION OF ANTIGUA, GUATEMALA**   Dignitaries will approve the Declaration of Antigua, Guatemala in the context of the recommendations made by the 28th Ordinary Ministerial Meeting. |
| **12:45-13:00** | ***ACS Observers, Social Actors Special Guests and the Media invited to rejoin the Meeting.*** |
| **13:00- 13:20** | 1. **CLOSING CEREMONY**  * Closing Remarks by H.E. Alejandro Giammattei, President of the Republic of Guatemala * Closure of the 9th Summit of Heads of State and/or Government of the ACS |
| **13:20-13:40** | 1. **PRESS CONFERENCE**   The following dignitaries will participate in the Press Conference outlining the achievements of the 9th ACS Summit:   * The Outgoing Chair of the ACS Ministerial Council * The Incoming Chair of the ACS Ministerial Council * The ACS Secretary General. |
| **13:40- 15:40** | ***Luncheon for the Heads of State and/or Government of the ACS*** |