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Mr. Ludwig Ouenniche
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Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce
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Maraval, Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Mr. Ouenniche,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 31st Annual Miami Conference on the Caribbean Basin, scheduled for December 3-5, 2007, at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Miami, Florida. Specifically, we would like to invite you to be a Principal Discussant at the "Small and Medium Business" Panel on Wednesday December 5, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

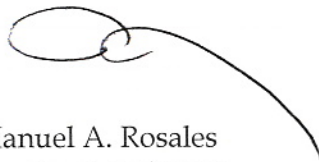
The session will explore the pressures that SME's are facing to compete and survive as markets are opening, as well as the role played by the government, development agencies, and business associations. It will promote discussion on the difficulties for SME's in accessing finance, minimizing costs while ensuring quality, tapping into new markets for growth and expansion and making the leap to foreign export.

This year's Miami Conference will take a critical look at the distinct regions of Central America and the Caribbean, and the development and investment opportunities that exist for these small economies. Currently at the crossroads in terms of their development and the prosperity of their people, the conference, titled "*A Region Poised for Growth*", will focus on energy, energy security and alternatives; the impact of crime and security on trade and investment; the results of the integration efforts of these blocs; the future of the tourism industry in the Caribbean and the apparel industry in Central America as economic drivers; and the relationships of these countries with their neighbors to the south as well as traditional partners such as the United States, Europe and Canada. Notably the conference will address the role of non-traditional partners such as India and China, and the role of the small and midsized business community in driving economic growth and regional competitiveness.

The Miami Conference on the Caribbean Basin remains the only conference that focuses attention solely on the smaller economies of the Caribbean & Central America. The conference combines key addresses from relevant regional Heads of State and leading private sector leaders with round table discussions on telecommunications, energy, financial services, disaster mitigation, corporate social responsibility and transportation. Past Keynote Speakers have included Prime Minister Patrick Manning of Trinidad and Tobago, Prime Minister Owen Arthur of Barbados, President Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic, President Jose Manuel Zelaya of Honduras and President Antonio Saca of El Salvador among others.

We are hopeful that you will join us in Miami and ask that your office contact CCAA's Associate Program Director Ana Vega at 202-466-7464 ext. 17 or via email at avega@c-cao.org with any questions.

Sincerely,



Manuel A. Rosales
President and CEO



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