

Statement on the United States-CARICOM Trade and Investment Council

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- *Miami, Florida* – On June 6 and 7, 2019, the United States and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) held the eighth meeting of the United States-CARICOM Trade and Investment Council (TIC). In addition to the United States, the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago were present.
- Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Western Hemisphere John Melle chaired the meeting for the United States, and Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of International Trade, Industry, and Commerce of St. Kitts and Nevis Jasemin Warner-Weekes chaired the meeting for CARICOM. Officials from a number of trade and regulatory agencies accompanied both delegations.
- The delegations discussed a broad range of trade and investment related issues, including trade preference programs, intellectual property, trade in services, agricultural matters, and broader regional issues. The delegations shared information on current third-party negotiations and implementation of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement.
- The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative welcomed the opportunity to continue engaging on these key issues and stressed the importance of the United States' economic partnerships with CARICOM Member States.