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**FM DAVID HOLDS BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH COSTA RICA AND PORTUGAL**

**NEW YORK, September 22, 2010** - Grenada and Costa Rica are seeking to bolster cooperation between both countries in education and other technical areas.

This was among issues discussed between Foreign Affairs Minister Peter David and his Costa Rican counterpart Rene Castro Salazar in New York on Wednesday.

The two Ministers agreed on the exchange of language teachers as well as working together on climate change, especially through the Cartagena Group.



*(l to r) The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grenada, the Hon. C. Peter David and The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, the Hon. Rene Salazar  
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The Cartagena Group is a group of 27 countries seeking ambitious outcomes from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and low carbon output domestically.

Mr. Salazar pledged the support of the Cartagena Group to the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) of which Grenada chairs. He also requested an exchange of participation in upcoming meetings of the AOSIS and Cartagena Group.

The Grenada Foreign Affairs Minister also met Portugal's Foreign Affairs Minister Luis Amado to discuss areas of cooperation.

Portugal, one of three candidates vying for two temporary seats on the United Nations Security Council, has been canvassing support for its candidacy.



*(l to r) The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, the Hon. Luis Amado  
and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grenada, the Hon. C. Peter David  
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Mr. David requested Portugal's assistance in providing educational materials including the "Magellan" laptops, which are made in Portugal, based on the Intel Classmate design and developed to accelerate technology adoption in Portuguese schools.

Portugal has already made a deal to offer a million of the notebooks to Venezuela.

Minister David was accompanied by Permanent Secretary Lana McPhail and Ambassador Dessima Williams.

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