

Grenada Receives ACS Secretary General

EMBASSY OF GRENADA, Washington, D.C. March 11, 2011 – Secretary General of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) Luis Fernando Andrade Falla met with Ambassador Gillian Bristol this morning to discuss support for the Caribbean Sea Commission. The senior ACS official had been in Washington, D.C. for talks aimed at securing partnerships with the Organization of American States, (OAS) the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The United Nations General Assembly recently adopted a resolution urging international support for the Caribbean Sea Commission from relevant regional and international development partners. Having recognized the Caribbean Sea as an area of unique biodiversity and a highly fragile ecosystem, these partners will work together to develop and implement regional initiatives to promote the sustainable conservation and management of coastal and marine resources.

Ambassador Bristol, Coordinator of the Caucus of CARICOM Ambassadors in Washington, D.C assured the Secretary General of the Caucus' support in placing the Caribbean Sea Commission on the agenda at the OAS and in raising awareness among key potential stakeholders in the United States.

The Caribbean Sea Commission was established by the ACS in 2008 to promote and oversee the sustainable use of the Caribbean Sea. Since then, the Commission has been chaired by Barbados, with Guatemala as vice-chair.