

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: STATEMENT

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY (140) organisations from 12 CARICOM territories representing thousands of citizens and voters have sent their clear objection to plans to subjugate the region to a new kind of imperialism which will fundamentally re-order our way of life.

In a letter dated June 25, 2014 sent to the Secretary-General and all Heads of Government of CARICOM, the organisations have responded ¹ to CARICOM press release 78/2014, ² which indicated that the Heads of Government will be presenting for endorsement, several actionable recommendations on eliminating HIV-related stigma and discrimination. Promoted under the PANCAP 'Justice for All' programme, these recommendations include repealing laws criminalising consensual sexual acts between adults, and making sexual orientation a protected category for non-discrimination. The Heads of Government are scheduled to meet in Antigua from July 2-4, 2014. They are to be presented with a Declaration³ and draft Roadmap for implementation of these recommendations which purport to represent the views of Caribbean people.

The 140 organisations have called for transparency and accountability on the discussions leading up to the formulation of these recommendations and have laid out a number of questions for which answers are being sought ahead of the CARICOM meeting. In their view, the manner in which these recommendations are being advanced is contrary to the CARICOM Charter of Civil Society. Further, based on the historical experiences of the UK, USA and Canada, the Caribbean organisations are convinced that implementing these particular recommendations will lead to the suppression of fundamental human rights which all CARICOM citizens now enjoy. It will NOT be 'Justice for All'.

We are alarmed that the leaders of the Caribbean are pursuing a demonstrably illogical path which, with regards to sexuality, seeks to define normal without reference to design. It is demonstrably illogical because it is intimate activity in defiance of design that accounts for the intractable nature of HIV epidemics among men who have sex with men. The Lancet July 2012 clearly indicates that in all countries regardless of income level "HIV epidemics are expanding among men who have sex with men". The Journal goes on to say that 98% of the difference in HIV rates between heterosexuals and men who have sex with men is due to anal receptive intercourse and the ability of men who have sex with men to reverse roles.

The 140 organisations take a firm stand against the imposition of PANCAP politics which will fundamentally re-order society. We urge CARICOM Heads of Government to place the health and wellbeing of our societies as their top priority. We also urge these leaders to desist from endorsing any recommendations which will fundamentally re-order society in negative ways that will jeopardize the future of our children and our Region.

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¹ Statement and questions by concerned organisations from the CARICOM region- 'Appendix A' attached.

² http://www.caricom.org/jsp/pressreleases/press_releases_2014/pres78_14.jsp attached.

³ PANCAP Declaration: Getting to zero through Justice for All:
http://www.inplus.org/index.php?page=news_events&type=news&id=41 attached.

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June 25, 2014

Secretary General of CARICOM
Ambassador Irwin LaRocque
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Dear Secretary General LaRocque,

Re: PANCAP Justice for All Declaration and Roadmap

I refer to my letter of June 3, 2014 in which I conveyed, on behalf of seventy (70) organisations from within the CARICOM region, our views about certain actionable recommendations to be considered at the upcoming Heads of Government meeting. A number of these recommendations are objectionable and do not enjoy consensus support in the Caribbean.

We have garnered support from an additional 70 entities for a total of one hundred and forty (140) organisations representing thousands of CARICOM citizens who have endorsed the statement and questions set out in the enclosed attachment, Appendix 'A'.

It remains our expectation that these controversial recommendations on repealing buggery/sodomy laws and establishing sexual orientation as a protected category of non-discrimination will not be advanced nor adopted by the leaders of CARICOM against the will of the people and the logic of the circumstance.

This letter has also been copied to all CARICOM Heads of Government.

Yours sincerely,
THE JAMAICA COALITION FOR A HEALTHY SOCIETY

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The Right Honourable Perry G Christie, Prime Minister of the Bahamas

The Honourable Freundel Stuart QC, MP, Prime Minister of Barbados

The Honourable Dean Oliver Barrow, Prime Minister of Belize

The Honourable Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dominica

The Hon. Dr. Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

His Excellency Donald Ramotar, President of Guyana

His Excellency, Michel Joseph Martelly, President of Haiti

The Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica

The Honourable Reuben Meade, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montserrat

Dr. The Honourable Kenny D Anthony, Prime Minister of St Lucia

The Right Honourable Denzil L Douglas, Prime Minister of St Kitts and Nevis

Dr. The Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines

His Excellency Desi Bouterse, President of Suriname

The Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

The Honourable Hubert Benjamin Hughes, Chief Minister of Anguilla

The Honourable Michael Dunkley JP, MP, Premier of Bermuda

The Honourable. Dr. Orlando Smith, OBE, Premier of the British Virgin Islands

The Hon. Alden M. McLaughlin, Jr, MLA, MBE, JP, Premier of the Cayman Islands

Appendix 'A'

Statement and Questions by concerned organisations from the CARICOM region on the outcome of the reported Regional HIV Consultation in April 2014

As concerned citizens and organizations from the CARICOM region, we have noted the outcomes of a recent regional HIV Consultation reported in CARICOM Press Release 78/2014, dated April 11, 2014. It was reported that the more than 75 delegates attending the consultation intend to seek the endorsement of CARICOM Heads of Government and other Caribbean leaders on 'approximately 15 actionable recommendations' as 'steps to eliminate stigma and discrimination'.

However, a number of the 'key elements' listed in the press release do not have universal support and, if left unchanged, can have far-reaching negative implications for the economy and social stability of CARICOM countries. In addition, based on evidence from the UK, USA and Europe, the implementation of some of these recommendations is likely to lead to the suppression of fundamental human rights which all CARICOM citizens now enjoy. We are of the view that the manner in which these controversial recommendations are being advanced is contrary to the CARICOM Charter of Civil Society.

We state the following:

1. We affirm the inherent dignity of all persons, as bearers of the image of God.
2. We recognize the urgent need to effectively address issues of domestic violence, HIV, AIDS and the sexual abuse of children.
3. We are truly concerned at the heavy costs on the physical, psychological, social and economic well-being of many Caribbean individuals and communities caused by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
4. We emphasise the need to practically demonstrate sympathy and care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and affirm that a national response must encourage these practices.
5. Based on medical evidence and extensive research, we hold the view that personal behavioural choices/patterns are critical to triggering or preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS.
6. Based on Behaviour Change theories we emphasize the importance of creating a social environment that enables the practice of abstinence, delayed onset of sexual activity and mutual fidelity in marriage as critical to a reduction in the incidence of HIV.
7. We support responsible sexual behaviour that demonstrates respect for the health and well-being of others, and acknowledge that the transmission of sound values and morally wholesome sex education to children must be an integral part of any such national response.
8. Further, any recommendations and succeeding implementation should be evidence-based and must not:

- (a) Remove or repeal laws that currently exist that protect the structure of the family, marriage between one man and one woman, the image of God, our children and the fundamental human rights of Caribbean people.
- (b) Restrict the freedom of Faith Based Organizations to teach, preach and practice principles which they hold in good conscience.

It is demonstrable from the scientific literature that the repeal of laws criminalising sexual activity between members of the same-sex is neither necessary nor sufficient to decrease HIV prevalence. What is of utmost importance is change in attitude and behaviour and the creation of an enabling social environment.

9. The press release assumes that there was a consensus on these issues arising from national consultations held in CARICOM territories with parliamentarians, faith leaders, youth and civil society. However, we pose the following questions:

- (i) What were the criteria used to establish this consensus?
- (ii) During the consultations were any concerns raised regarding the possible adverse impact of these proposals on Caribbean Societies? What actionable points if any, were proposed to obviate any long-term negative social outcomes of the proposed recommendations?
- (iii) Where on the CARICOM website can the public find a list of all the participants in the various consultations in each territory and the dates of the consultations? If this has not already been done, we respectfully request that such a list be published in the interest of transparency and accountability.

10. We recall that Article 17 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas states that the Council for Human and Social Development, which has oversight of the PANCAP programme, is to promote in general, the health of the Community [Art 17 (2)(a)], and promote the development of special focus programmes supportive of the establishment and maintenance of a healthy human environment in the Community [Art 17 (2) (f)] among other objectives. In this regard:

- (i) What is the definition applied to 'discrimination'? We hold the view that while discrimination *per se* is morally neutral, morals are necessary to enact sound principles for governance and promoting public health, that is, responsible Government policies must consistently discriminate between healthy and unhealthy, socially beneficial or harmful behaviours and that which should be publicly encouraged, cautioned or prohibited.
- (ii) We note that the PANCAP Regional Stigma and Discrimination Unit (RSDU) calls for evidence-based design, development and approaches. What is the evidence-based justification for repealing laws criminalising sex between consenting adults as a measure to combat HIV/AIDS?
- (iii) Since, as was reported in the Press Release, PANCAP recommended that sexual acts between consenting male and female adults be considered lawful, will laws

with regard to incest be repealed and if not, on what grounds will some consensual sexual acts between adults be permitted and others prohibited?

11. The press release mentioned 15 actionable points but stated only 9. We respectfully request that in the interest of transparency and accountability that all 15 points be made available to the Caribbean public.

It is our expectation that these concerns will be fully addressed in order that a balanced representation of the CARICOM public's viewpoint on these issues be presented to the CARICOM Heads of Government meeting in Antigua and Barbuda on July 4-6, 2014.

We also anticipate that through a process of broad-based consultations and critical thinking among our own people, the Caribbean Region will emerge as a global leader in charting an effective response to issues such as those outlined in Press Release 78/2014.

Date: June 2014

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>CARICOM Member State</u>
1. Dominion Life Centre	Antigua
2. Grace Baptist Churches	Antigua
3. Grace Christian Academy	Antigua
4. The Captain's Table	Antigua
5. Vibrant Faith Ministries	Antigua
6. The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and Americas (MCCA)	Antigua
7. Ammar Empowerment Network	Barbados
8. Church of the Nazarene, Barbados District	Barbados
9. Daughters of Destiny	Barbados
10. Family Heartbeat International Network Inc.	Barbados
11. Fellowship of Bible Churches in Barbados	Barbados
12. Grace Bible Churches	Barbados
13. Grace Bible Church Kindergarten	Barbados
14. Hair by Marquita	Barbados
15. Horticultural Management Services	Barbados
16. Joseph Brothers Ltd.	Barbados
17. JS Pest Control Ltd	Barbados
18. Kitch Consulting Ltd.	Barbados
19. Love March Movement	Barbados
20. Mercy Me Empowerment Services	Barbados
21. My Child and I Charity #1031	Barbados
22. Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies	Barbados
23. Project Probe Charity #491	Barbados
24. Proteqt Inc.	Barbados
25. Proteqt Children's Foundation Charity #731	Barbados

26. Regal Resource Inc.	Barbados
27. Regional Realty Services Inc.	Barbados
28. Restoration Ministries	Barbados
29. Shalem Evangelical Church	Barbados
30. Shekinah Medical Centre	Barbados
31. Street Gospel Ministries	Barbados
32. The Pure Sex Centre	Barbados
33. The Rock Primary School	Barbados
34. Walking on Water Ministries	Barbados
35. Wolverine Ice Ltd.	Barbados
36. Women of Worth	Barbados
37. Ellerton Gospel Hall	Barbados
38. Belize Action	Belize
39. Belize Association of Evangelical Churches	Belize
40. United Christian Women's Alliance (WALL)	Belize
41. Grenada Alliance of Evangelical Churches	Grenada
42. World Vision New Testament Church of God	Guyana
43. The Men Empowerment Network	Guyana
44. Associated Gospel Assemblies	Jamaica
45. Covenant City Church	Jamaica
46. Prayer 2000	Jamaica
47. Christian Brethren Association of Jamaica	Jamaica
48. Ethiopian Orthodox Church	Jamaica
49. Christians for Truth and Justice	Jamaica
50. Christian Life Fellowship	Jamaica
51. Hear the Children's Cry	Jamaica
52. Love March Movement	Jamaica
53. Joytown Community Development Centre	Jamaica
54. Lawyers Christian Fellowship	Jamaica
55. Swallowfield Chapel	Jamaica
56. Portmore Lane Covenant Community Church	Jamaica
57. Gateway Deliverance Centre	Jamaica
58. Independent Churches of Jamaica	Jamaica
59. Whole Life Ministries	Jamaica
60. Escarpment Road New Testament Church of God	Jamaica
61. Holiness Christian Church Inc.	Jamaica
62. Portmore Holiness Christian Church	Jamaica
63. Christian Medical Association of Jamaica	Jamaica
64. Kidz Klinik	Jamaica
65. Jamaica House of Prayer(JHOP)	Jamaica

66. Operation Save Jamaica (OSJ)	Jamaica
67. Pregnancy Resource Centre of Jamaica	Jamaica
68. St James Ministers Fraternal	Jamaica
69. Jamaica Evangelical Alliance	Jamaica
70. Mercy and Truth Ministries	Jamaica
71. TBC Radio Ltd.	Jamaica
72. Tarrant Baptist Church	Jamaica
73. Baldagie Baptist Church	Jamaica
74. Ebenezer Baptist Church	Jamaica
75. Mount Charles Baptist Church	Jamaica
76. Zion Hill Baptist Church	Jamaica
77. Mizpah Baptist Church	Jamaica
78. National Association for the Family	Jamaica
79. Faith Capital Forum	Jamaica
80. Mentoring a Nation	Jamaica
81. Calvary Gospel Assembly	Jamaica
82. Christian Enterprises	Jamaica
83. Vineyard Town Methodist Church	Jamaica
84. The Church of the First Born Jamaica Inc.	Jamaica
85. Emmanuel Apostolic Church	Jamaica
86. Jamaica Pentecostal Union (Apostolic) Community	Jamaica
87. Pembroke Hall Methodist Church	Jamaica
88. Kairos Network Ltd	Jamaica
89. Star Church of God	Jamaica
90. Ebenezer Community Church	Jamaica
91. New Dawn Church	Jamaica
92. Cathedral of Praise	Jamaica
93. Tower Hill Missionary Church	Jamaica
94. Millen and Associates	Jamaica
95. Open Bible Standard Churches of Jamaica	Jamaica
96. New Life House of Prayer	Jamaica
97. New Life Evangelistic Center	Jamaica
98. Shekinah Ministries	Jamaica
99. New Life Assemblies	Jamaica
100. Jamaica Youth for Christ	Jamaica
101. Bethel Chapel	Jamaica
102. Changing Your World Ministries	Jamaica
103. Wesleyan Holiness Church	Jamaica
104. Bethel Church of the United Brethren in Christ	Jamaica
105. Jubilee Christian Fellowship	Jamaica

106. Glad Tidings Church of the First Born	Jamaica
107. Russel Pen City Mission	Jamaica
108. Hephzibah Deliverance Temple	Jamaica
109. Deliverance Tabernacle Evangelical	Jamaica
110. Shield of Faith	Jamaica
111. Miracle Temple Ministries	Jamaica
112. Hampstead Yallahs Pentecostal Mission	Jamaica
113. True Gospel Guide Healing Temple Church of Christ	Jamaica
114. Solid Rock Ministry	Jamaica
115. Harvest Church	Jamaica
116. Dumfries Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
117. South Haven Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
118. Mt Lebanon Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
119. Hamstead Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
120. Danvers Pen Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
121. Sunning Hill Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
122. Hay Field Pentecostal City Mission	Jamaica
123. Caribbean Deeper Life Christian Ministries	Jamaica
124. The Worship Centre (Church of God)	Jamaica
125. Molyne's Gardens Citizens Association & Neighbourhood Watch	Jamaica
126. Spanish Town New Testament Church of God	Jamaica
127. Tower Hill Missionary	Jamaica
128. Grace Missionary Church	Jamaica
129. Providence Methodist Church	Jamaica
130. National Neighbourhood Watch Movement	Jamaica
131. Wesleyan Holiness Church Eastern Jamaica	Jamaica
132. Church of the United Brethren in Christ	Jamaica
133. Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society (JCHS)	Jamaica
134. New Testament Church of God	Jamaica and The Cayman Islands
135. The Caribbean Centre for Family and Human Rights (CARIFAM)	St Lucia
136. Evangelical Council of Trinidad and Tobago	Trinidad and Tobago
137. Lawyers for Jesus	Trinidad and Tobago
138. Hospital Christian Fellowship	Trinidad and Tobago
139. Redemption Christian Centre	Trinidad and Tobago
140. Advocates Caribbean	Barbados, British Virgin Islands Dominica Grenada Guyana Jamaica St. Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago



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Regional HIV Consultation identifies steps to eliminate stigma and discrimination

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana) After two days of dialogue, more than 75 delegates, representing Caribbean countries, regional institutions and development partners of the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP), arrived at approximately 15 actionable recommendations aimed at ending HIV-related stigma and discrimination over the next three to five years.

The regional dialogue benefited from the charge of commitments by both Prime Ministers, the Most Hon. Portia Simpson-Miller of Jamaica and the Rt. Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas of St Kitts and Nevis to combat HIV and AIDS as a priority of global health within the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The meeting agreed on key elements of a Declaration to be presented to Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Heads of Government and other Caribbean leaders for their endorsement. These include eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV; strengthening laws to drastically reduce domestic violence; enacting overarching anti-discrimination legislation and amending the equal opportunity acts; prohibiting discrimination in employment practices including HIV status, disability and sexual orientation by 2015.

The recommendations also included other areas intended to be achieved between 2015 and 2018. Among them are: developing standardized modules for delivery of HIV and AIDS education support such as the theatre and other forms of edutainment; developing social programmes for Persons Living With HIV/AIDS (PLHA) and the disabled; accelerating the process of evidence-based policies through research and training; repealing laws that criminalize sexual acts in private between consenting male and female adults; and ensuring that there are provisions for criminalizing sexual acts with the use of force and with minors.

The regional consultation was preceded by a series of national consultations and clusters of parliamentarians, faith leaders, youth, the private sector and civil society.

Commenting on the process, Prime Minister Douglas said that the Justice for All Programme has started a movement for equality and social justice as the only way to bring about an end to AIDS.

http://www.jnplus.org/index.php?page=news_events&type=news&id=41

JN+ Signs the PANCAP DECLARATION: GETTING TO ZERO DISCRIMINATION THROUGH JUSTICE FOR ALL

Date: Apr 11, 2014, 12:00:00 AM

Written By:

KINGSTON - On April 11, JN+ signed the PANCAP DECLARATION: GETTING TO ZERO DISCRIMINATION THROUGH JUSTICE FOR ALL at the Caribbean Consultation and Justice for All Human Rights Agenda, a consultation on advancing the Human Rights agenda in Caribbean. The Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP) held the consultation on April 9-11 in collaboration with the Government of Jamaica (Ministry of Health), UNAIDS, the University of the West Indies and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

View the declaration:

PANCAP DECLARATION

GETTING TO ZERO DISCRIMINATION
THROUGH JUSTICE FOR ALL

We, the participants of the PANCAP Consultation on Justice For All and Human Rights Agenda at the Pegasus Hotel, Kingston Jamaica on 10-11 April, 2014;

Conscious of the collective actions which have in the past fuelled regional integration, the goal of which is to enhance the well-being of the citizens of our countries;

Recalling the Nassau Declaration (2001), that "the Health of the Region is the Wealth of the Region", which underscored the importance of health to development; the PANCAP Declaration 2010 on reducing stigma and discrimination and the UN High Level Meeting Political declaration 2011 with reference to human rights in the AIDS response;

Inspired by the successes of our joint and several efforts that resulted in the Caribbean being the first Region in the world to eradicate poliomyelitis and measles;

Affirming the main recommendations of the consolidated Justice for All (JFA) report of the national consultations in Guyana, Grenada, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis and Suriname which included strategies to create facilitating and protective environments as well as legal reforms to address human rights and HIV-related stigma and discrimination;

Impelled by a determination to reduce the suffering and burdens caused by HIV and AIDS on the citizens of our Region which is one of the worst affected in the World;

Fully convinced that HIV related stigma and discrimination which contribute to the persistence of AIDS in our Region can be reduced and eliminated through collaborative programmes, partnerships and policies supported by governments, private sectors, FBOs NGOs, youth and our other social, regional and international partners;

Seized with the spirit of optimism, courage and determination in creating a just Caribbean;

Declare -

- Our full support for the initiatives and mechanisms in the PANCAP Justice for All Roadmap aimed at increasing access to treatment including affordable medicines, reducing gender inequality including violence against women, promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights, achieving legislative rights for modifying and repealing discriminatory laws;
 - That we strongly encourage the efforts to ensure that the Caribbean is the first region in the world to achieve the elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV by August 2015;
 - That we will support the principle of the enactment of laws to ensure universal coverage for treatment by 2018;
 - Our commitment to amend existing equal opportunity acts setting out the prohibited grounds of discrimination in employment practices including HIV status, disability and sexual orientation by August 2015;
 - Our commitment to inclusive, respectful and systematic support for partners of Faith and Faith based groups in eliminating faith driven stigma and discrimination by 2015;
 - Our support for the enactment of an overarching Model Anti- discrimination Act approved by the CARICOM Legal Affairs Committee (2012) by August 2015;
 - That as part of the Model Anti-discrimination Act, HIV be treated as a pre-existing condition for the purposes of assessment for insurance as applied to other diseases between 2015 - 2018;
 - Our endorsement of the need to strengthen the laws related to domestic violence and other forms of abuse against women and girls, youth and children by 2015;
- Our endorsement of cultural and edutainment programmes in changing attitudes and beliefs that help to fuel stigma and discrimination;
- Our support for the revision and strengthening of the health and family life education (HFLE) curriculum to include more relevant age appropriate information on stigma and discrimination with reference to youth and adolescents, and particularly information on sexuality, sexual and reproductive health including HIV and AIDS and other STIs between 2015 and 2018;
 - Our support for developing standardised modules for the delivery of HIV and AIDS education activities with particular focus on appreciating and understanding vulnerabilities and demystifying cultural myths that reinforce stigma and discriminations between 2015 and 2018;

- That we will develop and implement special programmes and provide special facilities for the differently abled, especially those living with HIV and AIDS between 2015 and 2018;
- That we will establish procedures to accelerate the process for the repeal of laws decriminalising sexual acts in private between consenting male and female adults and replace with or retain the provision criminalising sexual acts between any person in public, with the use of force, and acts of indecency committed against any person of less than 16 years of age between 2015 and 2018;
- That we encourage and support our institutions of higher learning and other agencies to build research and training capacity in medical, social and behavioural studies in health and development collaboration with other regional and international agencies, thereby providing policy makers and practitioners with the evidence based information to make appropriate decisions;
- Our commitment to support national sustainability plans for HIV including issues of intellectual property, strong monitoring and accountability mechanisms as well as access to treatment and human rights;
- Our continuing support for PANCAP Coordinating Unit along with United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS and other members of PANCAP to accelerate the policies and programmes toward the HIV related elimination of stigma and discrimination in keeping with the international principles of human rights.

We hereby declare this Justice for ALL Roadmap to be a guiding principle of the AIDS Responses catalyst for social justice and human rights for all.

Witnessed and agreed to by the following representatives of governments, faith groups, youth, business and civil society on this the 11th Day of April, 2014 at The Jamaica Pegasus, Kingston, Jamaica:

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Dear Dr. West

**Re: CARICOM Press Release on Actionable Recommendations – PANCAP
Regional HIV Consultations**

I acknowledge receipt of your letters dated 3 and 25 June 2014 on the captioned subject. Please be advised that I have taken note of the concerns which you have stated and shall bring these to the attention of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Yours sincerely

**IRWIN LAROCQUE
SECRETARY-GENERAL**