



OECS Secretariat, Castries St. Lucia January 14th, 2010: “It is with a sense of deep sadness, on behalf of the people and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), that I join with others from around the world in my capacity as the Chairman of the OECS Authority, to express our profound shock and deep sympathy for the people of Haiti who have been struck once again, by the devastating blow of a natural disaster with all of its horrific consequences.

Our Haitian brothers and sisters are integral members of the Caribbean Community. They share a language in common with our OECS citizens of Dominica and St. Lucia. Our hearts go out to all of those who are suffering in the wake of this latest disaster so incomprehensible in its scope. We share the anguish of those who have lost loved ones and offer our prayers in comfort for those who survive.

There is a common humanity which binds us all, one to the other, and it is in this spirit of brotherhood and community that we extend to the people of Haiti our solidarity in their time of need. We will do everything in our power to contribute to those measures currently being deployed to ease the pain and the suffering left behind by the events of 12 January.

We hold the entire Nation in our prayers.”