

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

### 67<sup>th</sup> OECS Authority Meeting to be held in Antigua and Barbuda

The 67th Meeting of the OECS Authority will be held on June 18, 2019 at the Royalton Antigua Resort and Spa in St. John's, Antigua under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Honourable Gaston Browne.

OECS Heads of Government will join the Director General and Commissioners to discuss, inter alia, matters on Joint Diplomatic Representation; Regional Approaches to Universal Health Access and Coverage; and the OECS Development Strategy.

- **The media is invited to attend the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at the Royalton Antigua Resort and Spa.**
- **The media is further invited to a Press Briefing directly following the Authority Meeting on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (at approximately 5:00pm).**

The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) is an international organisation dedicated to economic harmonisation and integration, protection of human and legal rights, and the encouragement of good governance among independent and non-independent countries in the Eastern Caribbean.

The OECS came into being on June 18th 1981, when seven Eastern Caribbean countries signed a treaty agreeing to cooperate with each other while promoting unity and solidarity among its Members. The Treaty became known as the Treaty of Basseterre, so named in honour of the capital city of St. Kitts and Nevis where it was signed.

The OECS currently has eleven members spread across the Eastern Caribbean comprising Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, The British Virgin Islands, Anguilla, Martinique and Guadeloupe. Saint Martin has been granted observer status.

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