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Dear Sir/Madam

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is pleased to collaborate with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Centre and the Country Offices of Cuba, Dominican Republic and Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), in the submission of this proposal entitled *Strengthening Comprehensive Early Warning Systems for more Effective Disaster Risk Reduction in the Caribbean through Knowledge and Tool Transfer*.

The expected results of the project which seek to (i) Increase access to tools and knowledge of EWS at a national and regional level; (ii) Improve understanding of gaps and barriers in achieving comprehensive EWS; and (iii) Provide comprehensive EWS solutions in three target countries through knowledge sharing and transfer of experience based on the Cuban model, are in support of Priority Area 4 of the CDM Strategy 2014-2024 Strengthened and sustained community resilience, and in particular Regional Outcome 4.3 (RO 4.3): Community Early Warning Systems, integrated, improved and expanded.


Further, the expected results of the project are anticipated to be produce positive impacts in the identified beneficiary countries within the CDEMA system, the Commonwealth of Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines which are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of storm and associated flooding and landslide events.

We also note that this project presents a valuable opportunity for the strengthening of cooperation in Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and the sharing of expertise and experiences between the CDEMA system, Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

In light of the above, we look forward to the support of the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) in the implementation of the project.

Yours sincerely

Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency



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