

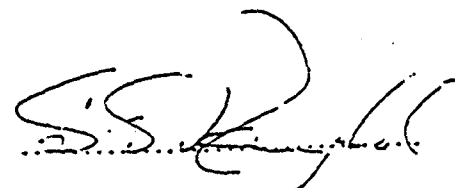
CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY COMMUNIQUE

CARICOM Countries represented by their respective Ministers to the WTO Meeting in Seattle issue the following at the close of the Meeting on Thursday 2nd December:

1. CARICOM Ministers declare to the Authorities of the Conference and the WTO Secretariat, their profound disagreement with some procedures that have been used in conducting the Ministerial Conference allowing for lack of transparency in the preparation of very important text. We are particularly concerned over the intentions to produce a Ministerial text at any cost, including the modification of procedures designed to secure participation and consensus.

2. CARICOM Ministers express their strong conviction that, as long as due respect to the procedures and conditions of transparency, openness and participation that allow for adequately balanced results in respect of the interests of all members do not exist, we will not join the consensus to meet the objectives of this Ministerial Conference.

SEATTLE,
2 December, 1999



CARIBBEAN CHIEF NEGOTIATOR