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## <u>Final Episode of "CCC Conversations" Video Series Featuring Interview with Mr. David Miller</u>

**Paramaribo, 12 December 2023** – To conclude the activities marking its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the CARICOM Competition Commission (Commission) announces the release of the final episode of its video series, '*CCC Conversations*'. This last episode features an insightful interview with Mr. David Miller, the Executive Director of the Jamaica Fair Trading Commission since November 2008.

In the two-part episode, Mr. Miller delves into the advantages of having a national competition law and a national competition authority, shedding light on the positive impact it has had on the Jamaican economy. His extensive experience in spearheading the Jamaica Fair Trading Commission has provided him with valuable insights into the role of competition regulation in fostering economic growth and protecting consumer welfare.

Mr. Miller elaborates on the significance of fostering a harmonised and collaborative approach to competition regulation within the CARICOM region, promoting fair competition, and ensuring a level playing field for businesses across member states.

"The 15th anniversary of the Commission is a significant milestone, and we are delighted to share this moment with stakeholders across the region through the final episode of 'CCC Conversations," said Mr. Nestor Alfred, Commissioner at the Commission. "Mr. David Miller's insights offer a unique perspective on the challenges faced by small national competition authorities and underscore the importance of our role as a regional competition authority within the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME)."

Besides the CCC Conversations video series, the Commission conducted several activities throughout the year to celebrate its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, aimed at showcasing its commitment to promoting competition and consumer protection in the Caribbean, including:

- 1. **Consumer Conference in June 2023** to mark the launch of its online consumer course. This initiative provides a sustainable mechanism to build the capacity of consumer officials in the region through self-paced learning modules and quizzes.
- 2. **Youth Conference in November 2023** in collaboration with CXC<sup>®</sup> and the Caribbean Association of Principals of Secondary Schools, to raise awareness among the younger generation about competition and consumer protection laws and policies. This initiative reflects the Commission's dedication to building a future generation that understands the importance of fair competition and consumer rights.

As the 15th-anniversary celebrations end, the Commission extends an invitation to the public to anticipate the release of its strategic plan for the years 2024-2026. The strategic plan will outline





the institution's priority initiatives to further enhance competition enforcement and consumer protection in the CSME.

To watch the final episode of "*CCC Conversations*" featuring Mr. David Miller, the previous two episodes with competition expert Dr. Eleanor Fox and Ms. Teresa Moreira of UNCTAD and to learn more about the Commission's 15th-anniversary productions, please visit our official website or our <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Facebook</u> social media pages.

## **About the CARICOM Competition Commission**

The CARICOM Competition Commission is a regional body established to promote and protect competition within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). The Commission works to create a fair and competitive business environment, fostering economic growth and consumer welfare across the CSME. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.caricomcompetitioncommission.com">www.caricomcompetitioncommission.com</a> or contact us at <a href="mailto:competition@ccc.sr">competition@ccc.sr</a>.

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