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Cooperative Extension Service
Office of the State Director

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American Embassy P.O. Box 302 Bridgetown BB 11000 Barbados, W. I.

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter is to inform the American Embassy of upcoming meetings that will be held from July 5-12, 2014 at the Sugar Bay Resort & Spa in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.

The Cooperative Extension Service of the University of the Virgin Islands will be hosting the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops Society (CFCS). The Caribbean Division of the American Phytopathological Society (APS) and the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society (CAES) will be holding meetings jointly with CFCS.

## Organization Overview

## **Caribbean Food Crops Society**

The Caribbean Food Crops Society is an independent professional organization with interdisciplinary orientation and membership. It is a non-profit organization, which fosters communication between persons capable of contributing to the development of science, technology, and production of food crops and animals in the countries of the Caribbean Basin. The objectives of the Society are to advance and foster Caribbean food production, processing and distribution in all aspects, so as to help improve the quality of life for the people of the Caribbean. It brings together scholars, researchers, extensionists, growers, and other professionals associated with food production, distribution, and policy.

The week-long event will consist of lectures, meetings, workshops, discussions, educational seminars and some social activities.

We ask, respectfully, that the American Embassy duly note the dates of the meetings and help facilitate ease of access for temporary business or travel visas for individuals wanting to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Food Crops Society, and the meetings of the American Phytopathological Society and the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society. Thank you.

Please feel free to contact me or Mr. Kofi Boateng – Associate Director with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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