

**Adress by the the President of the Republic of Suriname His
Excellency Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan on the occasion of the
conferment of a decoration of the ambassador of the Federative
Republic of Brazil His Excellency Ricardo Carvalho Do Nascimento
Borges on 9 november 2007**

AMBASSADOR RICARDO BORGES,

DURING YOUR TENURE AS AMBASSADOR OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL IN SURINAME YOU HAVE MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AND DEEPEN THE COOPERATIVE RELATION IN SEVERAL FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

AS A RESULT, VARIOUS INITIATIVES WERE TAKEN OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO FURTHER AND DEEPEN THE LONG-ESTABLISHED FRUITFUL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS.

ON THIS OCCASION IT IS WORTH MENTIONING SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS REACHED RECENTLY AND TO WHICH YOU HAVE CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED TO A GREAT EXTENT.

ALLOW ME TO MENTION:

- THE POLITICAL CONSULTATION THAT TOOK PLACE LAST JULY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATION MECHANISM BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME AND THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL;
- THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT RESULTED IN THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT;

- THE COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY TO JOINTLY CARRY OUT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ACHIEVEMENTS AMBASSADOR BORGES, THE STEADY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEVERAL AGREEMENTS ALREADY SIGNED IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, JUSTICE AND EDUCATION SHOULD ALSO BE MENTIONED, AS WELL AS THE GREAT EFFORTS YOU HAVE MADE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN SURINAME AND OF SURINAMESE NATIONALS IN BRAZIL.

CERTAINLY SOME MATTERS STILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND IN THIS REGARD I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE SURINAMESE AND BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION FOR THE FINANCIAL DEBT.

MR. AMBASSADOR,

YOUR CONTRIBUTION OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS WITHOUT ANY DOUBT BEEN FUNDAMENTAL IN GIVING CONTINUANCE TO THE POLICY AND INTENTIONS OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL AND THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BILATERAL RELATIONS FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR PEOPLE.

IT IS ON THE BASIS OF THE AFORESAID THAT TODAY WE THEREFORE SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE GREAT EFFORTS YOU MADE AND THE GOOD WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN SURINAME.

IT IS THEREFORE A GREAT PLEASURE TO HEREBY APPOINT YOU BEARER OF THE GRAND RIBBON OF THE HONORARY ORDER OF THE PALM.

MY CONGRATULATIONS, MR. AMBASSADOR, ALSO TO YOUR SPOUSE AND FAMILY WHO HAVE SUPPORTED YOU ALL THE WAY AND WHO, THEREFORE, ALSO SHARE IN THIS DECORATION.

I NOW INVITE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST ON THE GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF AMBASSADOR BORGES AND HIS FAMILY.