

**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME,
HIS EXCELLENCY RUNALDO RONALD VENETIAAN, ON THE OCCASION OF
THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL, HIS EXCELLENCY RICARDO CARVALHO
DE NASCIMENTO BORGES,
ON 11 AUGUST 2005**

Mr. Ambassador,

It is a great pleasure for me to extend, also on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Suriname, a warm welcome to you, as Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil accredited to Suriname.

The beginning of your tenure as Ambassador almost coincides with the coming into office of a new Government in Suriname.

This Government will adhere to principles and values that we share with your country Brazil, such as democracy, human rights, social rights, prosperity for all, peace and security.

Mr. Ambassador,

In recent years, both the Republic of Suriname and the Federative Republic of Brazil have benefited of the already existing relation on the bilateral level.

The Republic of Suriname and the Federative Republic of Brazil also cooperate on the regional and multilateral levels.

In the region Suriname is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Association of Caribbean States, but Suriname actively participates in integration processes and mechanisms of the South American Continent in which also your country plays a key role.

I have in mind the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), the process of the Initiative for the Integration of the Regional South American Infrastructure (IIRSA) and recently, the South American Community of Nations.

Suriname and Brazil can play an important role in bringing CARICOM and the countries of the South American Community of Nations closer together.

Mr. Ambassador,

I am confident that your knowledge and experience will certainly contribute to your success in the performance of your duties and in carrying out the tasks assigned to you.

I wish you success during your tenure as Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Suriname, and you may rest assured of the cooperation of my Government.

I hope you and your family will also have a pleasant stay in Suriname and that you will enjoy the rich culture and natural beauty of this peaceful country.

Mr. Ambassador,

In conclusion, I would like to ask you to convey the greetings of my Government and the people of Suriname to His Excellency President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and to the Brazilian people.
