

**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME, HIS
EXCELLENCY RUNALDO RONALD VENETIAAN, ON THE OCCASION OF THE
PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY THE NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, HIS EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR
MOHAMED ABDEL FATTAH ABDALLA, ON 07 APRIL 2005**

Mr. Ambassador,

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you, also on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Suriname, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

I thank you for the good wishes you have conveyed on behalf of Your President, His Excellency Mohamed Hosni Mubarak.

The presentation of your Letters of Credence is a reaffirmation of the good and friendly relations that exist between our two countries.

Mr. Ambassador,

In evaluating our existing bilateral relations it may be noted that, over time, these have evolved in the sphere of technical and economic cooperation, with Surinamese experts making use of the training courses and opportunities offered by your country in the fields of agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries. I seize this occasion to express our gratitude for the assistance provided.

The possibility of more intensive cooperation at bilateral level between Suriname and Egypt will be further studied, in particular in the area of the exchange of expertise in oil and gas processing.

Also at the multilateral level, such as in the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Conference of which both our countries are members, this form of cooperation may be further shaped.

My Government expresses its appreciation for the contributions and efforts of your Government in the pursuit of peace, security and stability in the Middle East.

We are looking forward to hopeful developments in that part of the World.

Mr. Ambassador,

I wish you every success in the performance of your duties. With your knowledge and experience, understanding and dedication, you will undoubtedly be able to give special substance to the existing bilateral relations between Egypt and Suriname.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to offer our regards and best wishes to your President, His Excellency Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, and the people of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
