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James B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

31st December, 1998.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

No. 21 of 1998

AN ACT to amend the Police Act, Cap. 330

[*4th February, 1999*]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Police (Amendment) Act, 1998. Short title.
2. Section 2 of the Police Act (in this Act referred to as the "principal Act") is amended by inserting the following definitions in their alphabetical order:

"Caricom country" means a country that is a member of the Caribbean Community;

"Caribbean Community" means the Caribbean Community established by the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community, which was signed at Trinidad and Tobago on 4th July, 1993 and to which Antigua and Barbuda is a party;".
3. Section 4 of the principal Act, is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection: Amendment of section 4.

"Employment of the Force to repel external aggression and to perform duties outside Antigua and Barbuda.

(1) The Force shall also be employed for

(a) the defence of Antigua and Barbuda against external aggression; and

(b) service in any Caricom country."

Insertion of section 4A.

4. After section 4 of the principal Act, the following new section is inserted:

"Governor-General authorise service abroad.

4A. (1) The Governor-General may by order published in the *Gazette* direct any member of the Force to proceed to any Caricom country for the performance of similar duties performed by him in his office and be subject to the orders of the Officer in charge of the Police Force of that other Caricom country.

(2) Any member of the Police Force of any other Caricom country who is sent to Antigua and Barbuda for the performance of police duties similar to duties performed by him in office shall, while on duty in Antigua and Barbuda be liable to perform the same duties and be subject to the orders of the Commissioner of Police in the same manner and in all respects as if he were a member of the Force, and shall have the same rights, powers, privileges and immunities as are conferred by law and custom on members of the Force as may be necessary for the performance of such duties.

(3) Where a member of the Police Force of another Caricom country who is performing duties in Antigua and Barbuda pursuant to a direction given under subsection (1) becomes or is injured while in Antigua and Barbuda that member shall be entitled to the same medical care as if he were a member of the Force.

(4) A person who, immediately before the coming into force of this section is a member of the Force may not be required to proceed to any other Caricom country without his consent in writing having first been given.

(5) Notwithstanding this section the Governor-General may seek or accept assistance from the **Police Force** of any country outside Caricom."

5. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by Amendment of section 6.

(a) inserting after paragraph (b) the following paragraph:

"(c) one or more Assistant Police Commissioners who shall act as heads of units in the Force and be answerable to the Commissioner;"

(b) renumbering paragraph (c) as paragraph (d)."

Passed the House of Representatives this 24th day of November, 1998.

Passed the Senate this 10th day of December, 1998.

B. Harris,
Speaker.

M. Percival,
President.

S. Walker,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

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Clerk to the Senate.

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