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Government Guarantee under the provisions of the Approved Organizations and Authorities (Government Guarantee) Act of the amount of US\$ 2.75 million, of a loan of US\$5.5 million, from the Caribbean Development Bank to the University of the West Indies (UWI) to partially finance the construction of a Vice Chancellery Building on lands adjacent to the Mona Campus

1. Introduction

1.1 The Honourable House of Representatives is being asked to approve:

- a) the granting of a Government Guarantee under the provisions of the Approved Organisations and Authorities (Government Guarantee) Act of the amount of US\$ 2.75 million, of a loan of US\$5.5 million, to the University of the West Indies to partially finance the construction of a Vice Chancellery Building on lands adjacent to the Mona Campus.
- b) The charge of a guarantee fee at the rate of 0.015% in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Approved Organisations and Authorities (Government Guarantee) Act:

2. Background

2.1 The management of the UWI at the regional level is vested in the Office of the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellery, currently sited at the Mona Campus is the University's central administrative 'arm' referred to as the 'Centre'. The University Centre was an outcome of restructuring in 1984, which formally recognized UWI's regional role and the need for central direction and coordination.

2.2 Currently, most of the units supporting the Vice Chancellor in the management and administration of the University at the regional level are located on the Mona Campus which has accommodated the Vice Chancellery over the fifty-nine years of

the University's operations. The growth of the University is at a point however, that increasing congestion negatively affects the productivity of the Vice Chancellery. Further, units of the Vice Chancellery at present are scattered across the Mona Campus. This situation inhibits the growth and productivity of the Centre given that units are unable to contract needed staff as there is physically no space to house them.

- 2.3 The Governance Report of 1994, "A New Structure" stated that the Vice Chancellor's Office and the University Centre remained too identified with the Mona Campus. The Commission therefore recommended that funds should be found to move the University centre from its present buildings at the heart of the Mona Campus to somewhere peripheral to the campus.

3. Relocation of Vice Chancellery

- 3.1 Lands have been identified opposite the Mona Campus for the relocation of the Vice Chancellery Building. The Vice Chancellery comprising approximately 57,000 sq. ft. will be located on the orchard area south of the Queens Way entrance of the campus, adjoining the University's College Common housing. The building will house administrative and management units, the University Council Room, reconfigurable conference rooms, the University Archives, The University Museum, the Institute for Crime, Security and Justice and the Institute for Sustainable Development.

- 3.2 The relocation of the Vice Chancellery under one roof on the periphery of the Mona Campus will fulfill the mandated action of the 1994 Governance Report removing the perception of being an integral part of the Mona Campus. Additionally, the integration of the administrative and management units as well as the institutes will also lend itself to an increase in productivity.

4. Vice Chancellery Building Specifications

4.1 The building will be comprised of the following areas:

- Administrative and Management Units – 22,050 sq. ft
- The University Council Room comprising 3,000 sq. ft will be designed to modern international standards with provision to accommodate international level assemblies. The room will be equipped with translation and multimedia facilities and state-of-the-art technological features to allow for reporting and presentations.
- Reconfigurable Conference Rooms comprising 2,500 sq. ft. will accommodate the seating of 20 to 60 persons. Six (6) small meeting rooms /break-out rooms will also be constructed. The rooms will service the entire building as it is proposed that in the interest of cost-savings, only the Vice Chancellor, University Bursar, and University Registrar would be allocated adjoining meeting rooms.
- The University Archives comprising 5000 sq. ft. will be designed to provide for fireproofing, temperature control/relative humidity, protection from direct sunlight, facilities for pest control and effective drainage for rainwater.
- The University Museum will account for 2,000 sq. ft and will display documents and other materials and artifacts, possibly utilizing interactive technologies that will tell the story of the University of the West Indies. The design features will be similar to those of the archives.
- Regional Institutes – Two regional institutions that speak to policy issues of critical importance to the region, namely the Institute for Sustainable

