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11th CRO Summit

St.Vincent & the Grenadines (8th – 15th December 2006)

Theme

***Rastafari Reality – Reparations & Repatriation -Empowerment
into The New Ethiopian Millennium***

Friday 15th December 2006

Resolution

Whereas the year 2007 marks the bicentenary of the abolition of the British Empire Atlantic Slave Trade, achieved through the heroic efforts and struggles of our African Ancestors

And Whereas at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism and Xenophobia held in South Africa in 2001, one hundred and sixty eight (168) countries acknowledged that the Atlantic Slave Trade and the enslavement of African peoples was a crime against humanity and acknowledged the need for Restitution, Reconciliation and Reparations

And Whereas certain countries and institutions have apologized for their complicity in this crime, a necessary first step to realizing meaningful Restitution, Reconciliation and Reparations

Be it resolved that the 11th Summit of the Caribbean Rastafari Organization held in St.Vincent & the Grenadines from 8th – 15th December 2006 calls on Caribbean Governments to meaningfully involve themselves, their peoples and Nations in the commemoration activities for the Bicentenary here in the Caribbean and to actively undertake education and awareness programmes concerning the Bicentenary celebrations and the question of Reparations, to initiate Parliamentary debates on the issue and to give support for activities of NGO's and Pan-African groups in the commemoration of the Bicentenary.

The 11th CRO Summit further calls on the CARICOM Heads of Government to follow the lead of their CARICOM colleague the Hon. Ralph Gonsalves of St.Vincent & the Grenadines in joining the international lobby for Restitution, Reconciliation and Reparations for the crime of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the enslavement of African peoples. Engage in the debate at the United Nations and other international fora and to speedily establish economic, cultural and social links with the African continent living up to the responsibility as the declared 6th Region of Africa and to establish the administrative machinery to facilitate trade and resettlement.