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CBCS-measures regarding COVID-19 virus

Willemstad/Philipsburg – As part of its contribution to help manage the COVID-19 situation, the *Centrale Bank van Curaçao en Sint Maarten* (CBCS) has – based on its approach to anticipate and mitigate possible risks - taken some precautionary measures for the safety and security of its personnel, customers and the general public. As of tomorrow, March 17, all CBCS personnel except for staff with key functions, have to stay home at least this week. CBCS will provide all necessary facilities to enable staff to continue their work from home. While doing so, CBCS guarantees the continuation of its critical tasks and functions. Friday, March 20, we will reassess the situation and inform our staff accordingly. As far as known, there are no cases of suspected COVID-19 infections amongst our staff.

Our Cash Department will be closed until further notice. This implies that it will not be possible to buy new/uncirculated coins and banknotes or to exchange damaged coins and banknotes. The daily exchange rates will be available on the CBCS website.

All non-urgent meetings, events and trainings that were planned for the month of March have been cancelled. This also applies to agreements with third parties for the use of public spaces such as our Auditorium. This measure has the objective to limit the access of residents and non-residents – including tourists – to the CBCS's premises.

These precautionary measures are effective immediately and apply to our offices in Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Since we all have to joint forces in combatting further spreading of COVID-19 the CBCS counts on your understanding and continued support.

Willemstad, March 16, 2020

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