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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) – Who we are

- CARICOM a Treaty Organization estab 01 August 1973

- CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) estab 06 July 2006

- Regional Institutions organized in associated clusters – Security Cluster

- Multi-dimensionality of Security (COVID/HA-DR/…)

Central America and the Caribbean

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History of API & PNR in the Caribbean Region

- Introduction in April 2007 with 10 Member States with Sunset Legislation as a multilateral arrangement

- Updated API Legislation in 2015 and expanded membership

- Introduction of Advanced Cargo Information System (ACIS)

- Revised API/PNR Legislation 2024

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Benefits and challenges with our existing arrangement

- Standard format and configuration for submission by carriers

- Macro-level issues can be identified earlier than at national level.

- Economies of effort

- The power of a network increases as the number of nodes increases

- Herding autonomous cats of differing sizes, languages, capacities and political will is hard.

- Though partners, innately competitive still.

Leveraging Partnerships & Systems

- Visa and Citizenship by Investment Application Support

- In support of Free-movement we need to extend our borders as far out as possible

- Caribbean is most Tourism-dependent Region in the world – facilitation increases competitiveness

- Digitizing Embarkation/Disembarkation providing a dual benefit

Use of ETAs in the Caribbean

- ETAs as a financing model

- Existence of ETA/Visa from partner may provide a waiver

Looking Ahead

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- This forum a good first step but recommended framework is required to avoid free-for-all

- Balancing Security / Facilitation/ Human Rights & Dignity

- Facilitation should not be limited to the port alone but for the entire visitor experience – SDG9