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**We, as Caribbean Writers, met at this Convention,
held from 25th to 28th, November 2008
Aware of the relevance of founding and leading a literary and
intellectual space in common**

Declare what follows :

We acknowledge that the diversity of the linguistic, economic, as well as political and geographical situations does not refrain from working for a culturally united Caribbean;

We consider that the 21th century has set new challenges to the intellectuals and founders of the Caribbean, in particular to contribute to a full socio-cultural development;

We consider that the Caribbean brings out its own values, to offer to the world thanks to its cultural syncretism, as well as its plural identity;

Declare the Relevance of :

- Creating a Caribbean literary and intellectual space inclined to exert its influence of knowledge drawn from diversity. This literary and intellectual space will, primarily, encourages exchanges and suggestions in view of a united cooperation.
- Encouraging the governments and authorities of our own countries, to lay down the actual and required conditions, facilitating both the influence of ideas and the distribution of works of art within the Caribbean region.



- Getting the necessary tools leading to the combination of our knowledge (reviews, publishers, websites, artist areas, literary prize, a library of the Caribbean, an “intercaribbean” Centre of translation, etc).
- Standing up for Solidarity and mutual respect that should reveal the outstanding women and men’s dignity of the Caribbean.
- Contributing to the education system and universities to spur the young to get and share a Caribbean awareness.

To work for the issues of this present charter, we agree with the foundation of an Association of Caribbean Writers, and organizing a convention every two years.

Pointe-à-Pitre,
28th November, 2008