

I. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

I.1. ORDER OF PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS

If there is any conflict between different provisions in this FWC, the following rules must be applied:

- (a) The provisions set out in the special conditions take precedence over those in the other parts of the FWC.
- (b) The provisions set out in the general conditions take precedence over those in the *order form* and specific contract (Annex III)
- (c) The provisions set out in the *order form* and specific contract (Annex III) take precedence over those in the other annexes.
- (d) The provisions set out in the tender specifications (Annex I) take precedence over those in the tender (Annex II).
- (e) The provisions set out in the FWC take precedence over those in the specific contracts.

Any reference to specific contracts applies also to order forms.

I.2. SUBJECT MATTER

The subject matter of the FWC is cleaning services for the Delegation of the European Union to Barbados, the Eastern Caribbean States, the OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM.

I.3. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF THE FWC

I.3.1 The FWC enters into force on the date on which the last party signs it.

I.3.2 The *implementation of the FWC* cannot start before its entry into force.

I.3.3 The FWC is concluded for a period of twelve 4 years (12) months with effect from the date of its entry into force.

I.3.4 The parties must sign any specific contract before the FWC expires.

The FWC continues to apply to such specific contracts after its expiry. The services relating to such specific contracts must be performed no later than six (6) months after the expiry of the FWC.

I.3.5 Renewal of the FWC

The FWC is renewed automatically three (3) times for twelve (12) months each, unless one of the parties receives *formal notification* to the contrary at least three (3) months before the end of the ongoing duration. Renewal does not change or postpone any existing obligations.