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**Minister Robertson to participate in Ministerial meeting of PetroCaribe
Energy Ministers**

Minister of Energy and Mining James Robertson will depart the island tomorrow (June 10, 2009) for a Ministerial Meeting of Energy Ministers from the PetroCaribe member states. The meeting will take place in St. Kitts on June 11, 2009 where the Ministers are expected to discuss matters of common interest and in particular areas for cooperation.

The Ministerial meeting will serve as a prelude to the 6th PetroCaribe Summit on June 12, 2009 also in St. Kitts. The summit is expected to be attended by some 18 Heads of State from the PetroCaribe region including Prime Minister of Jamaica, Hon. Bruce Golding, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, His Excellency Hugo Chavez and President of the Republic of Cuba, His Excellency Raul Castro.

Under the PetroCaribe agreement, Venezuela provides oil under preferential terms to Cuba, Honduras, Guatemala, the Dominican Republic and every CARICOM

nation except Haiti, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago. The PetroCaribe agreement was created in June 2005.