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ACM CONCERNED ABOUT THREAT TO SURINAMESE JOURNALIST

November 12, 2009 - The Association of Caribbean MediaWorkers (ACM) expresses its deep concern at the news that Mr Ivan Cairo, a journalist with De Ware Tijd newspaper in Suriname, has been the subject of a threatening phone call following publication of several articles in his newspaper on the disappearance of more than 90 kilogrammes of cocaine from the vault of the police department's elite A-Team Unit.

Both the Minister of Justice and the Police, Chandrikapersad Santokhi and the Attorney-General, Subhaas Punwasi have been informed about the incident. The Association of Surinamese Journalists (ASJ) has condemned the threat and says it is treating with it seriously.

The Association has also called for police guarantees for the safety of the journalist and for an investigation into the development.

The ACM endorses these calls by the ASJ and expresses support for Mr Cairo and other colleagues who have also covered the story. Mr Cairo has had a long association with the ACM and is one of its founding members in his role as a former President of the ASJ.

We believe the nature of this situation constitutes a grave threat to the safety and well-being of the journalist.