

**PARLIAMENT**

**WHEREAS** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2011 Protocol VI of the Social Partnership, 2011-2013 was signed by the Government of Barbados, Workers' Representatives and Employers' Representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** paragraph 17.1 of Protocol VI provides that the Protocol shall be presented to Parliament by way of a Resolution for noting and approval;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Parliament note and approve Protocol VI of the Social Partnership, 2011-2013.

**APPROVED** by the House of Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, two thousand and twelve.

**Speaker**

**APPROVED** by the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
Two thousand and twelve.

**President**

## ADDENDUM

The Resolution seeks the approval of Parliament in respect of Protocol VI of the Social Partnership, 2011-2013.

Protocol VI was crafted upon the foundation of Protocol Five which was regarded by the Social Partners as being still very relevant to present circumstances.

In drafting Protocol VI, the Protocol Drafting Committee, established by the Sub-committee of the Social Partners, paid special attention to the following:

- (a) initiatives which would enable Barbados to emerge successfully from the current economic crisis and to become “The Number One Entrepreneurial Hub in the World” through the attraction of investment in diversified sectors and the development of new skills;
- (b) human development and the management of health issues, especially chronic diseases – the Social Partners, having recognized the link between good health and human and economic development, have committed themselves to support initiatives which foster good health and provide assistance to persons suffering from chronic diseases;
- (c) environmental protection and the promotion of a green economy to enable Barbados to achieve the goal of becoming “the most environmentally advanced green country in Latin America and the Caribbean”; and

- (d) the development of a knowledge-driven economy and in accordance with Goal 5.6 of the National Strategic Plan 2006-2025 on the same issue, the promotion of a culture of information-sharing within and across all sectors – the Social Partners having recognized that access to information which is accurate and up-to-date can lead to more informed decision-making for all parties.

Protocol VI replaces Protocol Five and is effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2011 to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013.