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### "Argentina Stands in Solidarity with the Caribbean Islands"

The Argentine Republic expresses its dismay at the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma in the countries of the Caribbean region, and especially in the island of Barbuda - Antigua and Barbuda, and expresses its solidarity with the governments and people of the Caribbean and its willingness to cooperate to alleviate the repercussions of the disaster. In addition, Argentina extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased and their support to the wounded and victims.

To this end, in collaboration with the efforts undertaken by the local authorities, the Argentine Government, through the White Helmets Commission, has offered its assistance in assisting and alleviating the affected populations and, to this end, is in contact with the Caribbean Emergency Authority on Disaster Management (CDEMA). It is also reported that the Argentine Embassy in Jamaica, concurrent with Antigua and Barbuda, has been in constant contact with its local authorities in order to determine emergency needs.

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