

REMARKS BY

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AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY OF THE

4TH CARIFTA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DIVI SOUTH WINDS

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Mr. Rohan Waithe, President of the Barbados Chess Federation and other members of the BCF Executive, players, awardees, colleagues in sport, it is an honour for me and the Barbados Olympic Committee to take part in this event, bringing down the curtain on the Fourth CARIFTA Chess Championships.

I must congratulate the BCF for its initiative in bringing these Championships to Barbados and it is my hope that the participants enjoyed the competition, participating in the Olympic spirit of friendship, solidarity and fairplay.

Chess is one of our more efficiently run national federations, and is a key player in our mandate to develop a sport for all structure in Barbados. This year will see the BOA providing chess with in excess of \$35,000 to assist you with your various projects and programmes.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees, I am also pleased that chess has joined the CARIFTA Games Movement and it is my hope in the not too distant future that CANOC will preside over a full-fledged Caribbean Games, involving a number of sports, inclusive of chess.

I hope the participant from overseas had time to enjoy some of the culture and cuisine for which Barbados is famous and will leave with pleasant memories.

Let me conclude by congratulating the medal winners and again thank the Barbados Chess Federation for inviting me to this event.