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SURINAM EXPECTED TO ASSOCIATE SOON WITH EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 29 -- Surinam is expected to gain association soon with the European Economic Community (Common Market), according to a communiqué issued today in Brussels.

A Common Market mission, headed by J. J. Van der Lee, a senior official of the EEC Commission, returned recently from Surinam, where talks were held April 29 - May 11 at the invitation of the Surinam government.

The mission's purpose was to inform Surinam authorities on aspects of association, including trade, the right of establishment, scholarships for nationals of associated overseas countries, and operations of the European Development Fund.

Working sessions, the communiqué said, were concerned with proposals which Surinam plans to make to the European Development Fund for financing. It was understood that ^{eleven} seven proposals would be made. Those studied by the mission included irrigation improvement in the Nickerie area, harbor installations at Paramaribo, schools, town planning, and roads.

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