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The Commission is in regular contact with the authorities of Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and the Government of the Netherlands, including in the framework of dialogue as established by the Decision on the Overseas Association, including Greenland¹ (DOAG: Article 14).

In view of recent developments in the region, the Commission has engaged with Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and the Government of the Netherlands to assess and closely monitor the situation and is aware of the specific positions.

In general, the Commission supports Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao and the rest of the Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs)² across different policy areas with a total package of more than EUR 80 million under the DOAG for the period 2021-2027. These areas of cooperation have been agreed with the OCTs and the Member States (France, the Netherlands), in line with the tri-lateral spirit of the DOAG. In addition, the OCTs are eligible for funding under other EU programmes, such as Erasmus+, Connecting Europe Facility, BESTLIFE2030 or Horizon Europe.

The EU has crisis coordination mechanisms that can apply to OCTs but not a dedicated protocol for the OCTs close to conflict zones.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2021/1764/oj/eng>.

² Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius, Sint Maarten.