

## **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

The watchwords of the new Unity labor Party Government are "transparency, good governance and accountability". That is why our government signed this Convention which embodies the principles of this Government. The Convention was debated live in our Parliament (i.e. the debate was covered by the radio and television media).

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines recently participated in a meeting organized by the OAS and hosted in Saint Lucia. Two draft bills were presented for discussion. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines hopes to present two bills dealing with corruption and integrity to the Parliament later this year.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will be also launching the Constitutional Review Commission in Parliament. The Constitution which was accepted in 1979 gives the Honorable Prime Minister tremendous powers. It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister has initiated the review of our Constitution which will probably take away some of these very powers.

The expert mentioned that the problem with the Convention for small states like Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will be the question of resources. Despite this limitation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will do all that is possible to meet the requirements of the Convention in Spirit and Truth.