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## **DUNKERQUE-PORT: STANDING WITH THE CARIBBEAN**

After Hurricane Irma's devastating passage through the Caribbean, ravaging the islands of Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy, Martinique and Guadeloupe have now been hit by the violence of Hurricane Maria.

The cost has been incalculable for these Caribbean islands with which Dunkerque-Port and the whole Dunkirk area have very close links, stretching back over many years.

There has been massive destruction and the human toll is tragic. Though it is still too early to evaluate the full extent of the damage caused by this natural disaster, Dunkerque-Port extends its sympathy to the people of these islands for which it has a special affinity, and asks everyone, as they are able, to participate in the many initiatives set up to help and support those who have lost so much.

## **About Dunkerque-Port:**

**The largest French port complex (Calais-Dunkirk);** the ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, Dunkirk has built a reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkirk hub); France's largest energy hub; the country's largest LNG terminal; the leading French port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the largest French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the region's largest waterway port; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts-de-France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the rail industry, and the leading region for the car industry. Traffic in 2016 was 46.7 MT.

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