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## MINISTER MOSES ATTENDS THE 70<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and other officials are currently attending the 70<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly which is being held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States of America from 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 to 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

The General Assembly is the main deliberative organ of the United Nations comprising representatives of all 193 Member States. The work of the United Nations derives largely from the decisions of the General Assembly. Each Session consists of a High Level Segment, the main feature of which is the General Debate, at which Heads of State and/or Government or Ministers of Foreign Affairs deliver the National Address to the Assembly, followed immediately thereafter by the substantive work of the Plenary Session and its six main committees.

The theme of the General Debate of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regular Session is, ***"The United Nations at 70: the road ahead for peace, security and human rights."***

Minister Moses will be leading the Trinidad and Tobago delegation and will participate in a number of meetings and discussions including, the Post 2015 Development Agenda, the launch of which will take the form of a Summit being convened by Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. This Summit will formally adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The importance of this Developmental Agenda lies in the fact that the SDGs constitute the development priorities agreed by the international community that will be the

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primary recipients of development funding from a multiplicity of sources, including official, multilateral and private. As such, the Agenda provides the broad parameters for contextualizing national development planning over the period 2016 – 2030.

The selected agenda items of interest to Trinidad and Tobago on the Provisional Agenda of the General Assembly, falls within the following nine subject areas:

- Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;
- Maintenance of international peace and security;
- Development of Africa;
- Promotion of human rights;
- Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;
- Promotion of justice and international law;
- Disarmament;
- Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; and
- Organisational, administrative and other matters.

During the absence of Minister Moses, the Honourable Colm Imbert, Minister of Finance will perform the duties of Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

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