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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS COMMITTS TO WORK WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs informed members of the Diplomatic Corps and Heads of International Organisations that, “Trinidad and Tobago remains engaged and committed to making its contribution to regional, hemispheric and global affairs and to working with all its partners towards the future we want.” Minister Moses delivered the brief remarks on Monday 21st September, 2015 during a meeting at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs.

Minister Moses indicated his pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet with the diplomatic corps early in his tenure as Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, and conveyed appreciation on behalf of Dr. the Honourable Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the kind sentiments expressed in congratulatory messages received from their Heads of State or Government. The Minister also took the opportunity to express sympathy to the Government and People of Chile on the loss of life, destruction and displacement following the 8.3 magnitude earthquake which took place on 16th September, 2015.

In highlighting the new policy framework of the Government, Minister Moses advised that “it will be geared towards putting Trinidad and Tobago on ‘a path to growth, development, social peace, economic stability and transformation where all citizens would get their fair share of national resources’.” He noted that particular emphasis will be placed on a number of areas including international relations, national security, the environment, and agriculture, and indicated that some of the initiatives envisaged were inspired by effective programmes in the countries represented by

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the Diplomatic Corps. In this regard, he emphasised his intent to deepen Trinidad and Tobago's interface with Missions and International Organisations, in order to ensure the best possible outcome in the implementation of different projects and programmes at the national level.

Minister Moses also underscored Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to the development and growth of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and to a strong CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). He indicated that the "Government will support regional initiatives and joint action for diplomacy and commercial relations with South and Central America, Asia and Africa, to complement existing structures such as those with North America and Europe."

At the multilateral level, the Minister expressed that evolving global dynamics of an economic, political or environmental nature, demand that Trinidad and Tobago increase its collaboration and continue to play its part globally. He added that "as a small state, the multilateral arena offers Trinidad and Tobago a platform to express and pursue the country's development aims and aspirations as well as those of humanity."

The meeting concluded with the Heads of Mission and International Organisations embracing the opportunity to extend individual greetings to Minister Moses.

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Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs delivers remarks



Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Heads of International Organisations resident in Trinidad and Tobago at the meeting with Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs



Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs greets Her Excellency Fidelia Graand-Galon, Ambassador of Suriname



Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs with representatives of the different United Nations agencies resident in Trinidad and Tobago



Senator the Honourable Dennis Moses, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs speaks with His Excellency Nicola Girasoli, Archbishop Apostolic Nuncio