



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PARTICIPATES IN THE 51<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, 10<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

#### **PORT OF SPAIN: 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, led the Trinidad and Tobago Delegation to the Fifty-first Regular Session of the Organisation of American States (OAS) General Assembly, which was held virtually over the period 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. The Delegation included Ms. Reita Toussaint, Permanent Secretary (Ag.) and His Excellency Anthony Phillips-Spencer, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the Organization of American States (OAS).

The Assembly promoted the theme, *Towards Renewal in the Americas*, which Trinidad and Tobago proactively embraced by acquiring unanimous support of all member states, for its Resolution *'Strengthening the Role of the OAS in Advancing Disaster Resilience in the Hemisphere.'* The Resolution was adopted at the General Assembly. Further, the Trinidad and Tobago Delegation continued to promote the interests of this country by adding to the agenda the item *'Renewed Commitment to Sustainable Development in the Americas Post COVID-19'*. The inclusion of this item on the agenda is a direct reflection of the promotion of the domestic policy of Trinidad and Tobago at international organisations.

Trinidad and Tobago attaches great significance to its engagement with the OAS and with other international organisations, as they provide a forum for Trinidad and Tobago to advance its policy interests. Trinidad and Tobago remains committed to the priorities, principles and processes agreed to in the Inter-American Democratic Charter, with due regard for the tenets and principles of respect for sovereignty, non-interference and adherence to international law.

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During the Assembly, the Minister successfully intervened and engaged other Foreign Ministers in order to advance the interests of Trinidad and Tobago. Minister Browne placed particular emphasis on the importance of multilateralism, the need for small developing countries to work more closely together, the importance of the empowerment of women and girls within our hemisphere, and emphasised and reiterated Trinidad and Tobago's position that the purported representative of Venezuela is improperly seated at the OAS.

During his contribution, Minister Browne paid tribute to Former Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, Ambassador Christopher Thomas, who passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021. The Minister acknowledged and expressed appreciation to the General Assembly for the homage paid to Ambassador Thomas and, in his own remarks, Minister Browne described Ambassador Thomas as a distinguished son of Trinidad and Tobago and highlighted the various capacities in which he served, including as educator, diplomat, author, legal luminary and Independent Senator. The Minister lauded Ambassador Thomas' commitment to public service, to Trinidad and Tobago and to the Region.





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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, participating in the Plenary of the 51<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the 51<sup>st</sup> Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

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