



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS CELEBRATES THE NETHERLANDS' KING'S DAY**

### **PORT OF SPAIN: 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2022**

Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, delivered remarks at a Reception hosted by His Excellency Sándor Marnix Raphaël Varga van Kibéd en Makfalva, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Ms. Renée Bossert in honour of King's Day, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Minister Browne remarked that King's Day was a perfect showcase for national pride and extended congratulations to the Dutch people as a pioneer for advancing partnerships in agriculture, health, science and technology, for promoting innovation and working with others towards a better future for our world.

The Minister highlighted areas of collaboration between Trinidad and Tobago and the Netherlands in the sixty (60) years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, including education, security, sport, trade, investment and culture, referring specifically to the upcoming Rotterdam Carnival and graciousness of the Government of the Netherlands sharing this platform to showcase the culture of Trinidad and Tobago, through the participation of its artistes.

In extending a special welcome to members of the Curaçao Tourist Board who were present, Minister Browne commended the scheduled resumption by Caribbean Airlines of a twice-weekly non-stop service between Trinidad and Tobago and Curaçao.

The Minister also spoke on the cooperation between the Netherlands and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and highlighted that the presence of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten in the Caribbean engendered a regional closeness, which afforded the Netherlands a special understanding of the challenges affecting Small Island Developing States, fostering its strong advocacy for addressing such issues in the multilateral fora.

Minister Browne closed his remarks by affirming the Netherlands as a valuable ally and partner to Trinidad and Tobago and reiterating the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to continuing to work towards strengthening the bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation to the mutual benefit the citizens of both countries.

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Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs His Excellency Sandor Marnix Raphael Varga van Kibed en Makfalva, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands toast on occasion of the King's Day. Ms. Renée Bossert is at left.

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