



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **MINISTER BROWNE PARTICIPATES IN THE VIRTUAL MEETING BETWEEN THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CHINA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA – 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022**

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

Senator the Honourable Dr. Amery Browne, Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, participated in the Virtual Meeting between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and the Caribbean Countries that have Diplomatic Relations with China, held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

The Virtual Meeting was co-chaired by the Honourable Reginald Austrie, Acting Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica, and His Excellency Wang Yi, State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. Also in attendance were the Foreign Ministers of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Jamaica and the Republic of Suriname.

Discussions centred on reviewing the last fifty years of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Caribbean and on advancing the partnership between both sides through pragmatic cooperation. In this regard, participants acknowledged their multifaceted and productive relationship, which had been founded on their shared values and the ongoing adherence by the participating Caribbean countries to the One China Policy.

At the Virtual Meeting, the People's Republic of China noted the unique challenges facing the participating Caribbean countries and pledged concrete assistance in the areas of health, disaster management and education.

In his intervention, Minister Browne highlighted the reliable support of the People's Republic of China to the region, particularly in times of heightened vulnerability. Noting the progress made in the Sino-Caribbean relationship, Minister Browne made specific recommendations to develop and strengthen same.

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