



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **DONATION OF PAEDIATRIC COVID-19 VACCINES FROM THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN TO THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**PORT OF SPAIN: 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2022**

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago received a shipment of 43,200 doses of Pfizer COVID-19 paediatric vaccines donated by the Kingdom of Spain today, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, at the Piarco International Airport. Present at the airport for the arrival of the vaccines were the Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health, and His Excellency Fernando Nogales Álvarez, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Trinidad and Tobago; Ms Reita Toussaint, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs; and officials of the Ministry of Health and embassy of Spain.

The Government of Trinidad and Tobago remains deeply appreciative of this pioneering support rendered by the Kingdom of Spain. This is the first donation of paediatric vaccines in the region, and will be an essential and timely element of the national vaccination drive against the spread of the novel coronavirus, particularly given that they will protect this vulnerable section of the population.

This successful exchange comes after approximately two months of proactive and purpose-driven diplomatic and technical engagement between Trinidad and Tobago and Spain. It highlights the invaluable contribution of cooperation and diplomacy in harnessing Trinidad and Tobago's goodwill and longstanding mutually-beneficial and friendly bilateral relationships toward successfully overcoming complex global challenges.

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Present for the arrival of Pfizer COVID-19 Paediatric vaccines at Piarco International Airport were (from left) Ms. Anita Sohan, Director, International Cooperation Desk, Ministry of Health; Mrs. Aneesa Doodnath-Siboo, Principal Pharmacist, Ministry of Health; Ms. Reita Toussaint, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs; the Honourable Terrence Deyalsingh, Minister of Health; His Excellency Fernando Nogales Álvarez, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain; Mr. Balthasar Fernandez Melgosa, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Spain.

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