



**PRIME MINISTER**  
**OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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**His Royal Highness Prince William**  
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Your Royal Highness,

The matter of slavery, the transatlantic slave trade and their lingering effects continue to engage our attention in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean Region. I was heartened to learn of your expression of profound sorrow over slavery during your recent tour of Belize, Jamaica and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.


Empathy, I believe, is the beginning of a process that should lead to reparation for the ills and inequity suffered during slavery and the consequences experienced today by the societies of this region.

Your acknowledgement is most timely. I wish to suggest that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland examine closely the great disparities and inequities that remain between our societies and offer to the Caribbean reparation for the results of the atrocities of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. This issue is important for us in Trinidad and Tobago and the wider Caribbean and I believe that we should ensure a level of compensation for the descendants of those who were shackled, separated from their families, force into slave labour, beaten and killed as a result of the transatlantic slave trade.

Indeed, as the world acknowledged on 29 March the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, I am asking you to use your voice to take a leadership role in declaring that reparation must be part of the critical collective action needed to reduce inequalities, eliminate racial discrimination and correct injustice.

The transatlantic slave trade ended over two centuries ago, but the pain and the ideas that propelled it remain alive today. Your decisive voice and action can reverse the observation that the descendants of the enslaved continue to pay a heavy price for the damage wrought by slavery.

I take this opportunity to extend to you, Your Royal Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.



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